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Gregory Family

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Address _____ Date _____ Ancestral Chart # _____ Family Unit # _____

Husband Columbus Kentucky Davis Occupation(s) _____ Religion _____
 Date — Day, Month, Year _____ City _____ County _____ State or Country _____

Born					
Christened					Name of Church
Married					Name of Church
Died					Cause of Death
Buried		Cem/Place			Date Will Written/Proved
Father					
Mother					

Wife maiden name Ellen Gregory Occupation(s) _____ Religion _____
 Born August 1867 _____
 Christened _____
 Died _____
 Buried _____ Cem/Place _____
 Date Will Written/Proved _____
 Father _____
 Mother _____
 Other Husbands Archie Kennedy

* #	Sex M/F	Children Given Names	Birth			Birthplace			Date of first marriage/Place		Date of Death/Cause			Computer I.D. #
			Day	Month	Year	City	County	St./Ctry.	Name of Spouse		City	County	State/Country	
1		<u>Aide</u>	<u>Jan.</u>		<u>1890</u>				<u>Ida Matilda</u>					
2		<u>Katy Annette</u>	<u>June</u>		<u>1892</u>				<u>White</u>					
3		<u>Greg (Uncle Bugger)</u>	<u>June</u>		<u>1894</u>				<u>Celeste?</u>					
4									<u>Alabama</u>					
5														
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NOTE: * = Direct Ancestor

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 Address _____ Date 6/2007 Ancestral Chart # _____ Family Unit # _____

Husband <u>Solomon Gregory</u>		Occupation(s) <u>sawmill owner + operator (Sol's mill)</u>		Religion <u>Methodist</u>
<small>Date — Day, Month, Year</small>		<small>City</small>	<small>County</small>	<small>State or Country</small>
Born	<u>May</u>		<u>Green Co. MS</u>	
Christened				<small>Name of Church</small>
Married				<small>Name of Church</small>
Died	<u>abt 1921</u>			<small>Cause of Death</small>
Buried	<u>St. Paul Cemetery</u>	Cem/Place <u>MOSS POINT MS</u>	<u>JACKSON</u>	<small>Date Will Written/Proved</small>
Father	<u>C. Gregory + biological father</u>			
Mother	<u>Hannah Dury (Walter Denny)</u>			
Wife maiden name <u>Louisa Frank</u>		Occupation(s)		Religion
Born	<u>June 1853</u>			
Christened				<small>Name of Church</small>
Died	<u>May 25, 1921</u>			<small>Cause of Death</small>
Buried	<u>St. Paul Cemetery</u>	Cem/Place <u>MOSS POINT, MS</u>		<small>Date Will Written/Proved</small>
Father				
Mother				

* M/F	Sex	Children Given Names	Birth			Birthplace			Date of first marriage/Place		Date of Death/Cause			Computer I.D. #
			Day	Month	Year	City	County	St./Ctry.	Name of Spouse		City	County	State/Country	
	1	Ellen	August	1869		MOSS POINT		MS	Columbus Kentucky Davis					
	2	Anna		1872		"		MS	Archie Kennedy					
	3	Mary		1874		"		MS	Glenver Jones					
	4								Zad Givens					
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Husband <u>ZAD BIVENS</u> <u>West Indies</u>		Religion	
<small>Date — Day, Month, Year</small>		<small>City</small>	<small>County</small>
<small>Born</small>			
<small>Christened</small>			<small>Name of Church</small>
<small>Married</small>			<small>Name of Church</small>
<small>Died</small>			<small>Cause of Death</small>
<small>Buried</small>		<small>Cem/Place</small>	<small>Date Will Written/Proved</small>
<small>Father</small>		<small>Other Wives</small>	
<small>Mother</small>			
Wife <u>Mary Gregory</u> <u>Occupation(s)</u>		Religion	
<small>Born</small>			
<small>Christened</small>			<small>Name of Church</small>
<small>Died</small>			<small>Cause of Death</small>
<small>Buried</small>		<small>Cem/Place</small>	<small>Date Will Written/Proved</small>
<small>Father</small>		<small>Other Husbands</small> <u>Dan's Wallace</u>	
<small>Mother</small>			

* M/F	Sex	Children Given Names	Birth			Birthplace			Date of first marriage/Place		Date of Death/Cause			Computer I.D. #
			Day	Month	Year	City	County	St./Ctry.	Name of Spouse		City	County	State/Country	
		1 Louise							Thomas Boudreaux					
		2 Annie												
		3 Tina												
		4 Jeanette												
		5 Henry												
		6 Fletcher												
		7												
		8												
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Louise - Petrazewa (Tet)
 ↑
 Madeline, Samuel, Charles

Annie - Louise

Tina - Jack Irene Harold Spullock
 ↑
 Moss Point
 (has pictures)

Janette Janet
 Alton

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Husband <u>Glenver Jones</u>		Occupation(s)		Religion	
<small>Date — Day, Month, Year</small>		<small>City</small>		<small>County</small>	
<small>State or Country</small>					
Born					
Christened					Name of Church
Married					Name of Church
Died					Cause of Death
Buried					Date Will Written/Proved
Cem/Place					
Father		Other Wives			
Mother					
Wife maiden name <u>Annie Mary Gregory</u>		Occupation(s)		Religion	
<small>Date — Day, Month, Year</small>		<small>City</small>		<small>County</small>	
<small>State or Country</small>					
Born					
Christened					Name of Church
Died					Cause of Death
Buried					Date Will Written/Proved
Cem/Place					
Father		Other Husbands			
Mother		<u>James WALLER</u>			

*	Sex M/F	Children Given Names	Birth			Birthplace			Date of first marriage/Place		Date of Death/Cause			Computer I.D. #
			Day	Month	Year	City	County	St./Ctry.	Name of Spouse	City	County	State/Country		
		1 Glenver							Ellie Celeste Howard			Moss Point/Arkland		
		2												
		3												
		4												
		5												
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Amy M. Johnny Keith
James Gregory
Jimmy

Annie Mary
Burt
Angie Dear College in Monroeville
etc

Sacramento, CA (Brooklyn Fild)

Richard (found oil on his
roofs property -

Michael
Darnisha
Angela
?

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Husband <u>Glenner Jones (Gudy)</u>		Occupation(s)		Religion	
Date — Day, Month, Year		City	County	State or Country	
Born	<u>Prichard, AL</u>				
Christened					Name of Church
Married					Name of Church
Died					Cause of Death
Buried			Cem/Place		Date Will Written/Proved
Father			Other Wives		
Mother					
Wife maiden name <u>Annie Mary Gregory</u>		Occupation(s)		Religion	
Born					
Christened					Name of Church
Died					Cause of Death
Buried			Cem/Place		Date Will Written/Proved
Father			Other Husbands		
Mother					

* M/F	Sex	Children Given Names	Birth			Birthplace			Date of first marriage/Place		Date of Death/Cause			Computer I.D. #
			Day	Month	Year	City	County	St./Ctry.	Name of Spouse	City	County	State/Country		
1		Amy				worked Brockly Field			Johnny Keith					
2		James										V.A. Hospital Biloxi		
3		Annie Mary				m oved to	Texas							
4		Burt					Prichard							
5														
6														
7														
8		Greg married to Celeste												
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Father FULL NAME: Solomon Gregory

EVENT	DAY MONTH YEAR	PLACE OF EVENT (City, Township, County, State, or Country)
Birth	May 1839	
Marriage		
Death		
Burial		

NOTES:

His Other Spouse (s): ~~Cordelia Frank~~ Denny

His Father: Denny Born Died

His Mother: Born Died

Mother FULL MAIDEN NAME: Louisa Frank

EVENT	DAY MONTH YEAR	PLACE OF EVENT (City, Township, County, State, or Country)
Birth	June 1853	
Death		
Burial		

NOTES:

Her Other Spouse (s):

Her Father: Born Died

Her Mother: Born Died

Children (given names)	DAY MONTH YEAR	PLACE OF EVENT	NAME OF SPOUSE (s)
1 Ellen	b 1869		Columbus Kentucky Davis Annie Kennedy
2 Annie	b 1871		Glenner Jones
3 Mary	b 1873		Columbus Kentucky Davis
4	b		Zad Givens
5 Ovid Davis	b		
6 Ora Katie	b		
7	b		
8	b		

Curtis Smith worked with Mr. Failo

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Father FULL NAME: Columbus Kentucky Davis

EVENT	DAY MONTH YEAR	PLACE OF EVENT (City, Township, County, State, or Country)
Birth		
Marriage		
Death		
Burial		

NOTES:

His Other Spouse (s):

His Father: Born Died

His Mother: Born Died

Mother FULL MAIDEN NAME: Ellen Gregory

EVENT	DAY MONTH YEAR	PLACE OF EVENT (City, Township, County, State, or Country)
Birth		
Death		
Burial		

NOTES:

Her Other Spouse (s):

Her Father: Born Died

Her Mother: Born Died

Children (given names)	DAY MONTH YEAR	PLACE OF EVENT	NAME OF SPOUSE (s)
1 Ovid	b m d		Ida Matilda White (mobile)
2 Greg Uncle Bupp	b m d		Celeste Alabama
3 Kathy Arnette	b m d		? Chicago
4	b m d		
5	b m d		
6	b m d		
7	b m d		
8	b m d		

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GREGORY

Rev. John Gregory appears as Rector, of Upper Parish, Nansemond County, Va, in June 1680. It is thought that he was an ancestor of Maj John Gregory, and his brother James. From Duke Creek vestry book said county, the knowledge is gained that Maj John Gregory, James (Gregorie) and his two sons, John, & Thomas were living in that part of the county, on east side of Nansemond River, "Upper Parish," which was added to Suffolk Parish, and the opinion is advanced that Maj John Gregorie was certainly the father of James, before mentioned. He sent in his resignation as vestryman of said Parish, Nov 17, 1757, which was accepted. It is thought he was at this date old, and feeble, and he certainly died soon after. Upper Parish records, and loose papers in Perq, show that he was dead in 1760. John Gregorie's name appears as one of the trustees who by Act of Assembly, were appointed to select a site, and establish a town called Suffolk, May 1742. (5 Henning Statutes 199.)

Mary Gregorie (sister of James) whose will was p in Chowan Co, Nov 25, 1761, made bequest to the children of her brother James, and names her "bro-in-law's" Rev Daniel Earl, and Josiah Granbery, his wife Christian, her niece Ann Gregory and nephews: William, James, Thomas, & John Gregory, children of brother James. This will proves that James Gregory had sisters, Mary, died unmarried, as before seen, Elizabeth, who m Rev Daniel Earl, and Christian who m Josiah Granbery. John Gregory lived in Nansemond Co Va. He was Chairman of the Co Committee of Safety, 1776, and Capt in Continental line, 15 Va Reg. (See Records Land Office Richmond Va.)

James Gregory b Mar 10, 1752, m Mary Wynns d of Col Benjamin, & Margaret (Pugh) and moved to Gates Co, N. C. She was b Nov 8, 1775, which made him 23 years her senior. Margaret Pugh was dau of Col Francis Pugh, & wife Pheribe Savage of Bertie Co, N. C. She m 2d Thomas Barker of Edenton, N. C. after 1736.

James Gregory was Senator from Gates Co. and in the Gen'l Assembly of N. C. 1780-81. He died 1802, leaving wife Mary, and children: Ann, b Mar 3, 1782, m Dr Charles Worth Harvey Oct 28, 1800, d May 28, 1805, issue one son James G. Harvey, who died without issue. 2 Margaret, b Jan 1, 1785, m——— Dickerson, m 2d Dr Isaac Pipkin, and had one daughter Eleanor, who m William Muse. 3 Mary Wynns Gregory, b Mar 17, 1787, m Dr John Burgess Baker of Gates Co, (s of Lawrence Baker, & Maria Burgess, d of Rev Thomas Burgess, of Halifax Co, N.C.).

James Gregory, m Patience Godwin, and had 1st William, m Sarah Moore of Perq Co, N. C. (d of Maj Charles Moore, of the Rev. and wife Sarah Hunter) 2d Thomas, m Mary Benton, July 4, 1767, issue: one son, and two daughters. 3d Ann, m Josiah Granbery (thought to be nephew of Josiah who m Christian Gregory) issue: son George, and dau's: Bathsheba, m Jacob Gordon of Gates Co, N. C. issue: James, George, Joseph, & Jacob Gordon. 4th Elizabeth, m George A. Harvey. 5 Jenny, 6 Mary Hunter Gordon, m Isaac Hunter of Gates Co, N. C.

HISTORY OF PERQUIMANS COUNTY

John Gregory of 15 Va Reg died intestate, d. s. p. Heirs: James G. Harvey, John J. Granbery, George W. Granbery Sr, Mary G. Gordon, Joseph G. Granbery, Thomas J. Granbery, George W. Granbery Jr, Bathsheba A. Granbery, Elizabeth E. Granbery, Ann Wood, Elizabeth Smith, Thomas W. Gregory, Jr., Mary Gregory, Thomas Gregory Jr, John Gregory, Margaret Pipkin, Mary W. Baker, Josiah T. Granbery, Mary Elizabeth Goodman, Jane A. Hodges, Margaret Ann Gregory, & Joseph A. Granbery. The brothers of said John were: James, Thomas, and William.

Other Gregorys in Perquimans, are probably descendants of this same line, but no data bearing on their family has appeared.

Excursus Earl.

"Parson Earl" as the Rev Daniel Earl, Episcopal minister was familiarly called by his many parishioners who loved him very much, officiated in the Churches of Perq as well as Chowan Co. He rode the entire district baptizing the children, performing marriage ceremonies in all the adjacent counties, and ministered to those bereaved by death. He lived in Chowan, where he died before May 31, 1785, will on that date, married first Elizabeth Gregory, sister of Mary (as above) and second Charity Jones, sister of Thomas, who he names in his will, Aug 2, 1775, nieces: Elizabeth, & Ann Earl, "dau's of Rev Daniel Earl."

MARRIAGE BOND.

The State of Mississippi, }
JACKSON COUNTY. } S. S.

Know All Men by these Presents:

That we, Columbus Davis as principal, and Wm Par
as security, both of the County of Jackson and State of Mississippi, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Mississippi,
in the penal sum of One Hundred Dollars, lawful money, for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we and each of
us do hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Witness our hands, and seals, this 26th day of August A. D., 1890

The Condition of this Obligation is: That whereas application has been made to the Clerk of the Circuit
Court of said County for a license for the marriage of Columbus Davis
and Helen Gregory

Now Therefore, if there shall be no lawful cause to obstruct the marriage for which said license is granted, then
this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Signed, Sealed and delivered in the presence of

W. M. Denny

By W. M. Denny Clk. Clerk Circuit Court.

Columbus x Davis

L.S.

Wm x Par

L.S.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

✱ STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, JACKSON COUNTY. ✱

To any Judge, Minister, Justice or other Officer Lawfully Authorized to Celebrate the Rites of Matrimony:

You are hereby Authorized to celebrate the **RITES OF MATRIMONY** between

Columbus Davis AND Helen Gregory

And you are hereby required to transmit to the undersign, Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County for his successor in
office, a CERTIFICATE OF THE MARRIAGE of said parties within six months after the celebration of the same, under the
penalty in such cases provided.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this 26th day of August A. D. 1890

W. M. Denny

Clerk Circuit Court.

By W. M. Denny Clk.

By Virtue of a License from the Clerk of the Circuit Court, I have this day joined in the

✱ HOLY STATE OF MATRIMONY ✱

Columbus Davis AND Helen Gregory

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL, this 27th day of August A. D. 1890

Moses Reg Res

The State of Mississippi, Jackson County. Proof by Parent of Consent Given before the Clerk

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, the undersigned, Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County
the parent of _____, and
consents for said infant to marry.

Subscribed in my presence, this _____ day of _____, 19_____
_____, Clerk.

The State of Mississippi, Jackson County. Proof by Subscribing Witness of Consent Given.

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, the undersigned, Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County,
_____, who makes affidavit that the parent of _____
did sign the certificate then and there produced, giving consent to the celebration of marriage between the said
_____ and _____

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this _____ day of _____, 19_____
_____, Clerk.

RECORD OF CERTIFICATE OF CONSENT.

A true copy. _____, Clerk.

The State of Mississippi, Jackson County. Affidavit of Applicant or other Credible Person.

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, the undersigned, Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County,
Oreard Davis applicant for Marriage License, who makes affidavit that there is
no lawful cause to obstruct the marriage between Oreard Davis
and Ida White, and that said parties to be married have reached the respective
ages prescribed by law for marrying without consent of parent or guardian.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 13 day of December, 1911.
Oreard Davis.
Fred Taylor Clerk.
By J. C. Haines

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, Marriage License.

To any Judge, Minister, Justice, or other Person lawfully authorized to Celebrate the Rites of Matrimony:

You are hereby licensed to celebrate the RITES OF MATRIMONY between Mr. Oreard Davis
and M. Ida White, and for so doing this shall be your warrant.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 13 day of December, 1911.
Fred Taylor Clerk.
By J. C. Haines

The State of Mississippi, Jackson County. Certificate of Marriage.

By virtue of a License from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County of Jackson, I have this day celebrated the
Rites of Matrimony between Mr. Oreard Davis and M. Ida White

WITNESS my hand, this 13 day of Dec. 1911.
Rev. S. J. Kelly

Certificate filed and recorded, this 16th day of January, 1912.
J. C. Haines Clerk.

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1910 CENSUS

Local Community MOSS POINT County JACKSON State MS
Ward Beat 3 Supervisor's District No. 6
Enumerator _____ Date Census Taken 1910 May 6 Enumeration District No. 61

Page No.	Street	House No.	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Name of each person whose place of abode on 15 April 1910 was in this family	Relationship	Sex	Color	Age	Marital Status	# Years — Present Marriage	Mother of how many children?	# living children	Birthplace of			Year of Immigration	Naturalized or alien?	Speaks English? If not, give name of language.	Profession or Occupation & nature of business	Employer or Wage Earner or Working on Own Account	Out of work 15 April 1910?	# weeks out of work in 1909	Can read	Can write	School since 1 September 1909	Owned / rented	Owned free of mortgage	Farm or house	No. on farm schedule	Civil War Veteran	Blind		
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
				655	Givens, Mary	H	F	M	32	M	16	6	6	MS	MS	MS			Eng						yes									
					Louise	D	F	M	14	S				MS	LA	MS			"															
					Henry	S	M	M	12	S				MS	LA	MS			"						yes									
					Annie	D	F	M	10	S				MS	LA	MS			"															
					Fletcher	S	M	M	8	S				MS	LA	MS			"						yes									
					Teana	D	F	M	6	S				MS	LA	MS			"															
					Jeannette	D	F	M	2	S				MS	LA	MS			"						yes									
					Gregory, Sol	H	M	M	70	M	41	3	3	MS	MS	MS			"	Foreman	SW mill				NO									
					Louise	W	F	M	55	M	41			MS	GA	GA			"						NO									
					Ogery, Selma	D	F	M	2	S										Teacher	private school				yes									

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UNITED STATES, 1910—POPULATION

NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE 164th St. & 2nd Ave.

ENUMERATED IN THE YEAR 1910 1910

WARD OF CITY 1

SUPPLYSER'S DISTRICT NO. 6

EXAMINER'S DISTRICT NO. 6

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Household:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
Solomon GREGORY	Self	M	Male	MU	40	MS	Works In Sawmill	—	—
Louisa GREGORY	Wife	M	Female	MU	29	MS	Keeping House	VA	VA
Ellen GREGORY	Dau	S	Female	MU	11	MS		MS	MS
Anna GREGORY	Dau	S	Female	MU	9	MS		MS	MS
Mary L. GREGORY	Dau	S	Female	MU	7	MS		MS	MS

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apparently mary l. married Lemuel Givens - she shows up in 1920 census

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State: MS Enumeration District: _____
County: Jackson Sheet Number: _____
City, township: - WD Moss Point Call Number/URL: T625, Roll 879, B 45 Enumeration Date: 8 Jan 1920

Line number	Place of Abode		Name of each person whose place of abode on January 1, 1920, was in this family	Relation Relationship of this person to the head of the family.	Tenure		Personal Description				Citizenship			Education			
	Street, avenue, road, etc.	House number or farm Dwelling Number			Home owned or rented	If owned, free or mortgaged	Sex	Color or Race	Age at last birthday	Single, married, widowed, or divorced	Year of immigration to the United States	Naturalized or alien	If naturalized, year of naturalization	Attended school anytime since Sept. 1, 1919	Able to read	Able to write	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	X153	165	Givens, Lemuel	Head	O	F	M	Mu	46	M						yes	yes
			Mary	wife			F	Mu	44	M						yes	yes
			Louise	Daughter			F	Mu	23	S						"	"
			Henry	Son			M	Mu	21	S						"	"
			Annie	D			F	Mu	19	S						"	"
			Fletcher	S			M	Mu	18	S						"	"
			Tena	D			F	Mu	15	S						"	"
			Janet	D			F	Mu	11	S						"	"
			Gaylor, Gina	Granddaughter			F	Mu	5	S						"	"
	166		Gregory, Louise	HEAD			F	Mu	71							NO	NO
Place of birth of each person and parents of each person enumerated. If born in United States, give state or territory. If foreign birth, give the place of birth, and, in addition, the mother tongue.																	
Line number	Person		Father		Mother		Able to speak english	Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done.	Industry, business, or establishment in which at work.	Employer, salary or wage worker, or working on own account	No. of farm schedule						
	Place of Birth	Mother Tongue	Place of Birth	Mother Tongue	Place of Birth	Mother Tongue											
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29						
	LA	Eng	LA		MS		yes	Stevedore	Dock	W							
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of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family		of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was not in this family		DATE OF BIRTH		SEX		COLOR		HEIGHT		WEIGHT		PLACE OF BIRTH OF THIS PERSON		PLACE OF BIRTH OF FATHER		PLACE OF BIRTH OF MOTHER		DATE OF CITIZENSHIP		OCCUPATION, TRADE, OR PROFESSION		EDUCATION			STAGES OF MIL.				
1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10		11		12		13			14				
1		Ellen L	Wife	F	Aug 1874	13	M	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	Florida	Georgia	Alabama														
2		Marie G	Daughter	F	Oct 1877	2	S								Mississippi	Georgia	Florida														
3		Abner	Daughter	F	Nov 1879	1	S								Mississippi	Georgia	Florida														
4	101	Milam Blythe	Daughter	F	Jan 1881	4	S								Alabama	Alabama	Alabama							Barber	0	1	1	0	9	H	
5		Samson	Son	M	Jan 1884	14	S								Mississippi	Alabama	Mississippi								0	1	1	1	1		
6		Alfred	Son	M	Jan 1881	12	S								Mississippi	Alabama	Mississippi								0	1	1	1	1		
7		Miguel	Daughter	F	Mar 1880	10	S								Mississippi	Alabama	Mississippi								at school	2	1	1	1	1	
8		Leona	Daughter	F	Oct 1882	7	S								Mississippi	Alabama	Mississippi								at school	2	1	1	1	1	
9		Rosey	Son	M	Nov 1884	1	S								Mississippi	Alabama	Mississippi														
10		Marjory	Daughter	F	Nov 1882	2	S								Mississippi	Alabama	Mississippi														
11	102	Samuel	Daughter	F	Oct 1884	15	S								Alabama	Georgia	Alabama								Physician	2	1	1	1	1	H
12		Harriet	Wife	F	Mar 1884	16	M	11	10						Alabama	Alabama	Alabama														
13		Harvey	Son	M	Jan 1883	16	S								Alabama	Alabama	Alabama								Physician	2	1	1	1	1	
14	103	Mr. Ours	Daughter	F	May 1880	20	S								Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi								Physician	2	1	1	1	1	H
15		Beat	Son	M	Jan 1884	1	S								Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi														
16		Robert	Son	M	Nov 1880	3	S								Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi														
17		Judith	Daughter	F	Aug 1882	13	S								Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi														
18		Geoffrey	Daughter	F	Mar 1880	10	S								Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi														
19		Caroline	Daughter	F	Jan 1882	17	S								Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi														
20		Magpie	Daughter	F	Jan 1882	12	S								Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi														
21		Florida	Daughter	F	May 1880	10	S								Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi														
22	104	Johnnie	Daughter	F	Jan 1883	10	S								Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi														
23	105	Michael	Daughter	F	Mar 1884	14	S								Alabama	Alabama	Alabama														
24		Charles	Wife	F	Mar 1880	10	M	4	2	1					Alabama	Alabama	Alabama														
25		Alma	Daughter	F	Jan 1882	12	S								Mississippi	Alabama	Alabama														
26	106	Edna	Daughter	F	Oct 1882	12	S								Mississippi	Alabama	Alabama														
27		Edna	Daughter	F	Oct 1882	12	S								Mississippi	Alabama	Alabama														
28		Johnnie	Daughter	F	Oct 1882	12	S								Alabama	Alabama	Alabama														
29		Lillian B	Daughter	F	Aug 1882	2	S								Mississippi	Alabama	Alabama														
30		Demetrius	Daughter	F	Nov 1880	10	S								Mississippi	Alabama	Alabama														
31	107	Johnnie	Daughter	F	Mar 1882	10	S								Alabama	Alabama	Alabama														
32	108	Amphie	Daughter	F	Mar 1882	10	S								Alabama	Alabama	Alabama														
33		Frankie	Daughter	F	Mar 1882	10	S								Alabama	Alabama	Alabama														
34	109	Palma	Daughter	F	Mar 1882	10	S								Florida	Florida	Florida														
35		Ellen	Daughter	F	Mar 1882	10	S								Florida	Florida	Florida														
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NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE: Meru Pond, Miss. WARD OF CITY: 2 SHEET NO.: 5A
ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE: 7th DAY OF January 1920. Herrie & McBee ENUMERATOR.

PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME	RELATION	AGE	SEX	COLOR	CITIZENSHIP	EDUCATION	MARRY AND MOTHER MARRY		OCCUPATION
								Place of birth	Place of birth	
X 17/11/18	John Broad	Head	42	M	W	20/12/18	W	W	W	W
	Ada	Wife	37	F	W	20/12/18	W	W	W	W
	John Ray	Son	7	M	W	17/1/19	S	W	W	W
	Paula	Daughter	5	F	W	19/10/18	S	W	W	W
	James	Son	3	M	W	15/12/18	S	W	W	W
	North	Daughter	2	F	W	12/12/18	S	W	W	W
X 14/11/18	John Ray	Head	41	M	W	20/12/18	W	W	W	W
	John Ray	Wife	37	F	W	20/12/18	W	W	W	W
	John Ray	Son	7	M	W	17/1/19	S	W	W	W
	John Ray	Daughter	5	F	W	19/10/18	S	W	W	W
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Edla L.	Wife	A. F. Aug. 1876 13 M. 3	Florida	Alabama	Alabama															
Bessie G.	Daughter	A. F. Oct. 1887 12 S.	Mississippi	Georgia	Florida															
Alvin D.	Daughter	A. F. Dec. 1889 11 S.	Mississippi	Georgia	Florida															
Melanie	Daughter	A. M. Jan. 1887 13 S.	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama															
Lucy	Son	A. M. Jan. 1886 14 S.	Mississippi	Alabama	Mississippi															
Olivia	Son	A. M. Jan. 1885 13 S.	Mississippi	Alabama	Mississippi															
Highland	Daughter	A. M. Mar. 1888 12 S.	Mississippi	Alabama	Mississippi															
Louise	Daughter	A. F. Oct. 1887 11 S.	Mississippi	Alabama	Mississippi															
Rosie	Son	A. M. Apr. 1884 10 S.	Mississippi	Alabama	Mississippi															
Marjorie	Daughter	A. F. Dec. 1887 9 S.	Mississippi	Alabama	Mississippi															
Simms	Daughter	A. M. Oct. 1888 12 M. 12	Alabama	Georgia	Alabama															
Hattie	Wife	A. F. Dec. 1886 14 M. 14	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama															
John	Son	A. M. Jan. 1883 16 S.	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama															
John's Wife	Wife	A. F. Dec. 1882 12 M. 18	Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi															
Paul	Son	A. M. Jan. 1884 10 S.	Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi															
Paul	Son	A. M. Aug. 1886 8 S.	Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi															
Johnnie	Daughter	A. F. Aug. 1887 12 M. 2	Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi															
Arthur	Daughter	A. M. Dec. 1888 10 S.	Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi															
Emma	Daughter	A. M. Jan. 1887 11 S.	Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi															
Marjorie	Daughter	A. F. Dec. 1887 12 S.	Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi															
Flora	Daughter	A. F. Aug. 1888 10 S.	Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi															
Johnnie	Daughter	A. F. Jan. 1888 11 S.	Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi															
Johnnie	Daughter	A. M. Aug. 1886 14 M. 4	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama															
Charles	Wife	A. F. Mar. 1888 10 M. 4	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama															
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SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT NO. 6 SHEET NO. A
 ENUMERATION DISTRICT NO. 61
 WARD OF CITY 5
 Enumerator *James E. Cassidy*

Washington, D. C.

alias Solomon Denny
SOLOMON GREGORY,
MOSS POINT, MISS.

36688 OK. NOV. 16-1907 OK

June 28, 1907, 8, 2
Reissued Feb 6, 1907
Calhoun
and
New London

1. Correct name at present? *Solomon Gregory*
2. Present address? *As above*
3. Name under which served? *Solomon Denny*
4. Service? *As above*
5. Any prior or subsequent service? *None*
6. Date of enlistment? *Jan. 1863, ~~land~~*
7. Date of discharge? *May 1864*
8. Postmaster? *None*
9. Hospital? *None*
10. Where born? *Green br. Miss. about 75*
11. Age at enlistment? *30 about*
12. Name of Captain? *Beedlow Capt. Jackson*
13. Names of Lieutenants? *Alt. G. Allen M. L.*
14. Name of 1st Sergeant? *New London*
15. Certificate. *Shown*
16. Compare date of issue. *OK, Jan 1864*
17. When first applied for pension? *1864*
18. Name of wife? *Louise, living and*
undivorced; 1st wife; married 1867 or 1868
19. Signature. *his*

Height 5 ft 11. Solomon Gregory
Wife Ellen Davis
same address

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE THIS DAY
PERSONALLY INTERVIEWED THE ABOVE
NAMED PENSIONER, AND I AM SATISFIED
THAT HE IS THE SOLDIER AND PENSIONER
THAT HE REPRESENTS HIMSELF TO BE.

Chas. G. Townsend
Special Examiner.

June 30, 1911

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SOLOMON GREGORY

IN THE CHANCERY COURT

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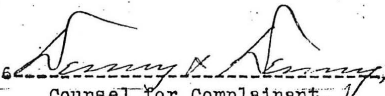
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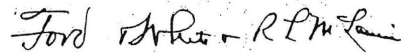
HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE CO.

NO. 3227.

It is here now agreed that the depositions of witnesses for the Complainant in the above styled cause be taken down this day before Fred Taylor, Clerk of the Chancery Court of Jackson County, Mississippi, such depositions to be taken down in Shorthand by W. L. Wallace and that the notes be afterwards transcribed by him; that notice of taking and other formalities be and the same are hereby waived, and that the said depositions when transcribed be used on final hearing of said cause free from objections save as to competency, materiality and relevancy, which may be raised at the time of the hearing:

It is further agreed that the expenses for taking and transcribing testimony shall be taxed as a part of the costs in this cause.


Counsel for Complainant.


Counsel for Defendants.

At Pascagoula, Miss.

November 12th, 1913.

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SOLOMON GREGORY, first being duly sworn, testified in behalf of the Complaint as follows;

DIRECT EXAMINATION.

BY MR. DENNY.

Q. What is your name?

A. Solomon Gregory.

Q. How old are you, Sol ?

A. I was 77 last April.

Q. Where do you live, S ol?

A. At Moss Point.

Q. Moss Point, Mississippi ?

A. Yes sir, Moss Point, Mississippi.

Q. How long have you lived in Moss Point?

A. Oh, forever since the war I lived there.

Q. Are you the complainant in the suit of Solomon Gregory against the Hartford Fire Insurance Company ?

A. Yes sir.

Q. It is alleged in the bill of complaint in that cause that you were the owner of a certain two story frame building located on property owned by you in the city of Moss Point; where was that building ?

A. It was on the road that leads over to the Magnolia road; west of Collard's.

Q. What kind of a building was it ?

A. Sir ? The Building I had ? It was a two story frame building 30 by 40, and they used it down stairs you know for teaching school in, and up stairs for lodge meetings and all other public things; principally for lodge meetings.

Q. When was that building erected ?

A. I don't know exactly the year it was; it was about 12 years ago, or about 13 years now; it has been burnt up a year.

Q. You say it has been burned up ?

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A. Yes sir.

Q. When was it burned ?

A. It burnt last year, in June I think; on the 9th of June.

Q. June the 9th, what year ?

A. In 1912.

Q. Were there any outhouses in connection with that building?

A. Only that dancing pavilion.

Q. What do you call it ?

A. I called it a dancing park or something of that kind.

Q. State whether or not there was any pagoda there ?

A. That's what they called it.

Q. What kind of a building was that ?

A. It was a hip roof building, fifty foot square.

Q. Did it have any floor in it ?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Was the building enclosed ?

A. Yes sir, enclosed all round; it had sixteen lights.

Q. You mean windows and doors ?

A. Yes; it had four doors and 16 windows.

Q. How far was that pagoda located from the school building?

A. It must have been about thirty feet, I think; I am not positive about that.

Q. When was that pagoda erected ?

A. First ?

Q. Yes ?

A. It was soon after - it was just before we insured it.

Q. Do you mean before you insured it the first time ? Before you first insured the school building?

A. Yes sir.

Q. When did you first insure the school building, Sol ?

A. To tell you the fact I don't remember the year it was, that first policy you know; I never did even have the policies overhauled when Judge Randall carried

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carried them out there; when he issued them he just carried them out there.

Q. I asked you tell about when the first time was ?

A. I don't know positive, but it was about 12 years ago.

Q. Who insured it for you ?

A. Judge Randall.

Q. Just tell what occurred between you and Judge Randall ?

A. Well I reckon it was a month he come out there after I notified him I wanted it insured; he come after I got that pagoda finished; he sent me word he had the policy wrote out and I come out from the mill up there to meet him.

Q. Where did you go ?

A. I come from the mill you know, and when I met him there it was about nine o'clock in the morning; in the day.

Q. When you left the mill, where did you go ?

A. I come out to the school house.

Q. The building that you wanted insured ?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Tell what occurred then ?

A. Well, he come in you know - he was there if I am not mistaken; yes, I think he was there when I got there; yes, he was there when I got there; he got there a little ahead of me, and he went around the building and every thing to see how every thing looked and he went in and went up stairs; you go in the front door and the stairs were in the north corner, and he went in and looked round and went up stairs and looked at things and the flue was the principal thing he said; and the flue did not suit him and said I would have to tear that down, and I told him I would tear it down as soon as I could make it convenient; and I tore it down and run it right through the back end and it come out in the roof and --

Q. What building was that Judge Randall inspected ?

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A. It was the school house building.

Q. Was it your building :

A. Yes sir.

Q. The one you have been testifying about ?

A. Yes sir

Q. What did that inspection consist of ?

A. He told me I would have to make a good flue -

Q. How did he inspect it ?

A. He looked around, to see how it looked and how it was
located; looked round the house -

Q. Did he go inside of the building ?

A. Yes sir; he went up stairs with me.

Q. Did he go up stairs ?

A. Yes sir, he went with me. Looked bout the rooms up there.

Q. What did the rooms contain up stairs when he went up
there?

A. It was the hall up there he inspected and the ante room
outside about ten feet.

Q. State whether or not it was then being used for any pur-
pose ?

A. Yes, it was being used for that purpose.

Q. For what purpose ?

A. The ante room and the hall -

Q. (Interrupting) Was any body occupying the lodge or the
ante room ?

A. Not then; it was used at night times for meetings, you
know.

Q. Were they then having night meetings in that hall he
inspected ?

A. Yes sir.

Tell the condition of the hall at the time Judge Randall
saw it ?

A. Well, it had a stairway, and it run kind of across the
building; it run across the building and come up
right north, and it come up in the north west corner

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of the building -

Q. State whether or not the hall bore any evidence of occupancy by the lodge at that time ?

A. Yes sir.

Q. What evidences were they ?

A. What lodges ?

Q. What evidence that the lodge was there - were there any paraphernalia in the hall belonging to the lodges ?

A. Only their works.

Q. State what their works are ?

A. They are different kinds of little instruments they do their work with; they are different things.

Q. Could Judge Randall tell by looking inside the hall that it was then being used by the lodge.

A. The little room out there had all their things in it and it was not opened.

Q. What about the hall ? Did the hall bear any indication of being used as a lodge ?

A. It could not help it.

Q. We are trying to get you to tell the Court what evidences it bore; ?

A. It was only by the men using it you know that had the works; by the master or one of the men of the lodge-

Q. (Interrupting) Were there any stations in there ?

A. Yes, they had stations in there.

Q. How many stations were there ?

A. Some lodges used different ones; some of them used one thing and some another.

Q. I am talking about that one ?

A. There was two or three different lodges; there was the Love and Charity that was one; I almost forgot them;

Q. Well, as well as you can remember ?

A. Some had one operation and some of them another; they had different tools you know; they all had different tools you know.

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- Q. Were there any charters on the wall in the hall ?
- A. They all of em had their own charters, you know.
- Q. Where were their charters ?
- A. When your lodge went to meet you know, which ever one had the meeting, which ever it was, that charter would be out on the wall you know.
- Q. In that hall ?
- A. Yes, and the other charters were looked up.
- Q. The charters were not hung up on the wall generally then;
- I am talking about at the time Judge Randall was there?
- A. No sir, he did not see them.
- Q. Did he see any thing that would indicate that the hall was used as a lodge ?
- A. Only what I told him, that it was a lodge.
- Q. Did you tell him that ?
- A. Yes; he might have had the policy wrote out then, but he did not give it to me that day.
- Q. Where are the policies you received from Judge Randall; would you know them if you saw them ?
- A. No sir.
- Q. What did you do with the policy he gave you ?
- A. I carried it home.
- Q. I mean finally; did you give it to any body ?
- A. I give it to you all; to you and your pa.
- Q. You gave it to your attorneys in this city ?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Do you know what they did with it ?
- A. I told them I wanted them to sue for my rights. I give 'em to you and told you here are all I had.
- Q. Can you read or write ?
- A. No sir; I never had that read over and just looked at the figures; of course when ever I got a letter to have it read over I went to some of my men friends to do it for me, and I never trusted even my daughter to

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read them for me.

Q. Do you refer to Judge O. Randall in your testimony ?

A. Yes.

Q. What business was he engaged in in Moss Point ?

A. To tell the truth I don't know; I know he was an insurance agent and done other little scattering things.

Q. Did you receive the policy from Judge Randall pursuant to your request for it ?

A. It was mailed to me.

Q. It was mailed to you ?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Do you know the date you entered into your contract with Judge Randall for your insurance?

A. No sir, I am not sure; it's been a good long time ago.

Q. After you received the policy, what did you do with it?

A. I carried it home and opened it, and told Ellen, my daughter to go and pay Judge Randall.

Q. You say you carried it home and opened it ?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Opened what ?

A. Opened the policy.

Q. Was it in an envelope ?

A. Yes, I opened the envelope.

Q. Did you look at it yourself ?

A. I looked at the figures, but I never had it read to me.

Q. You never had your daughter to read it to you ?

A. No sir.

Q. Why ?

A. Because I had confidence in the matter, that it was all right like it ought to be.

Q. You had confidence in who ?

A. In Judge Randall.

Q. About what ?

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- A. That he would do right about it when he was going to insure me you know; and about the bill and every thing about it; and how the fence ought to be; there was a six foot fence round it and a little house in --
- Q. (Interrupting) The first insurance you had lasted how long ?
- A. I don't know, but any how I was notified that Mr. Lewis was going to take up Judge Randall's work -
- Q. (Interrupting) I am talking about the first insurance you had on that building ?
- A. That was the first I had.
- Q. That you got from whom ?
- A. Mr. Randall
- Q. Did you get any other after that ?
- A. I never got it until I got it from Mr. Lewis.
- Q. Did you get any from any one but on that building ?
- A. No sir.
- Q. How many policies did you get from Judge Randall ?
- A. Only one I think; I am not positive about that, but I think only one.
- Q. You did not get two from Judge Randall ?
- A. I might have, but if I did it has slipped my memory; I I just adopted a rule to pay them when ever they sent them out to me, and I remember that when they told me Mr. Lewis was going to take up Judge Randall's work I felt glad about it, for I felt sure I would not be troubled any way about it, because I had the same confidence in Mr. Lewis, in a way, that I had in Judge Randall.
- Q. Sol, attached to your bill of complaint in this case is a policy on a one story frame building in the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, of date of October 29, 1903, on a one story frame building, situated on the north side of East Street, between Telephone and Mag-

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nolia Streets, in Moss Point; \$600.00 on that building, and \$300.00 on a pagoda used as a childrens play room; that policy is signed by George L. Chase, President, P. C. Royce, Secretary, and Swan & Company, as agents. Do you know any thing about that policy ?

A. No sir; it must have been made out by them insurance men.

Q. This is an insurance policy issued to Solomon Gregory; What building is that they have described there ?

A. That is the dancing pavilion.

Q. There is a one story frame building, shingle roof -

A. (Interrupting) That is taken down wrong.

Q. Do you know what building that referred to ?

A. It must have referred to the school building; that is the only building in there except a little bit of a building.

Q. You don't remember how many policies you had on this building, do you ?

A. I do not.

Q. What did you do with them ?

A. I kept them at home.

Q. Then afterwards, what did you do with them ?

A. I turned them over to you all.

Q. To Denny & Denny, your attorneys ?

A. Yes.

Q. State what the policies you turned over to Denny & Denny referred to ?

A. They were all those I received from the Insurance Companies.

Q. You say that you received a policy from Mr. Lewis ?

A. Mr. Lewis was the agent or something for them; yes, I got it from him.

Q. Tell why Mr. Lewis insured you ?

A. Well, he had taken up Mr. Randall's work; that was the report of it to me.

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Q. Did you ever have any conversation with Mr. Lewis about the insurance on your building ?

A. No sir.

Q. You did not ?

A. No sir.

Q. How did you receive the policy from him; in what manner?

A. It came to me in the mail.

Q. Did you read it ?

A. I brung it home and looked at the number of it; It may be it was close to the first of the month it was due and I set that down and paid the policy.

Q. Did you have any body read it to you ?

A. No sir. Ellen done all my reading in the family and I never had her to read it.

Q. Do you know you did receive any policy from Mr. Lewis?

A. Only that one.

Q. Did you know at the time you received it it was from Mr. Lewis ?

A. Yes sir.

Q. How did you know it was from Mr. Lewis ?

A. She told me it was from Mr. Lewis when I received it.

Q. Who told you ?

A. Ellen, my daughter. When I brought it home she broke open the letter and told me the principle of it, and it may be that I put off from the middle of the month to the first of the month to go pay it.

Q. When you received the policy from Mr. Lewis did you know the description of the property put in it ?

A. No sir; I was only trusting to his honor and I never even had it overhauled.

Q. Why did you not have your daughter to read it to you ?

A. I just thought it was all right.

Q. Why did you think it was all right ?

A. It was just the confidence I had in Mr. Lewis.

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Q. What property did you understand was insured by the policy you received from Mr. Lewis ?

A. The school house.

Q. Was that the building you described; that you testified about ?

A. Yes; this is the only insurance I had but on the house my daughter is living in now; on that and the school house.

Q. Did you have any other house on the north side of East Street between Telephone and Magnolia streets besides the school house and the pagoda.

A. I had a house in the base ball park on the north side of that.

Q. I will ask you if you had any other one or two story frame building occupied as a school house, situated between Telephone and Magnolia streets in Moss Point ?

A. No sir.

Q. The only building you had of that description was the two story building you have testified about ?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Did you have any other building than the pagoda in connection with that school house; than the one that is described in the policy as frame shingle roof building used as a children's play room ?

A. No, not but the little house on the north side that was used as the keepers house.

Q. Did you have that insured ?

A. No sir; I just had it there for use of the keeper.

Q. You say you did not have your daughter read you the policy you received from Mr. Lewis ?

A. No sir, I never did.

Q. Why did you not ?

A. It was just the confidence I had in Mr. Lewis.

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Q. What did you feel confident about ?

A. Because I knowed him all his life *

Q. (interrupting) I will ask you whether or not you felt
confident Mr. Lewis would properly describe your property ?

A. Yes, and I felt he would do me justice.

Q. How long have you known Mr. Lewis ?

A. Ever since he was born.

Q. Had you ever done any business with him before this time?

A. Only when he was here in the Court House as clerk or sheriff.

Q. How long was he here as clerk and sheriff?

A. It was a good many years; I knew his father and the family, and to just tell you the actual fact, I just thought he and the Denny family was right between me in any business I had, and I always did any thing I could for him; any thing I could do I was ready to do, and I had confidence in him.

Q. What did you do with the policy you received from Mr. Lewis ?

A. I turned it over to you all.

Q. You don't know what we did with them do you ?

A. No sir.

Q. Did you turn over to us any other policies than the one you received from Mr. Lewis ?

A. I had a place where I kept all of my papers, and I picked all out -

Q. (Interrupting)

A. I will ask you whether you turned over to Denny & Denny any policies other than the policies insuring the school house and pagoda ?

A. Oh, no sir .

Q. Then the policies you turned over to them referred solely to that property ?

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A. Yes.

Q. Did they ever tell you what they did with the policies ?

A. No sir; they took it in charge for me you know -

Q. (Interrupting) You don't understand; were you ever informed that the policies, including the one Mr. Lewis gave you, were attached to your bill of complaint in the case as an exhibit to it ?

A. I don't know; after I got a letter from some one they refused to pay me for it, I come to you.

Q. Do you recollect how much you paid Mr. Lewis for the policy ?

A. I do not; them bills might have been carried home and put among a thousand other little papers, you know.

Q. State whether or not, of your own knowledge, Mr. Lewis knew your building there; your school house and the pagoda ?

X A. I suppose -

Q. (Interrupting) Dont suppose; state what you know ?

X A. I don't know as he did; what I wanted to get at there was that when I got word about his taking up Randalls work was I supposed he knew just exactly what he was doing and I never even asked him any thing; I don't suppose I had a dozen words with Mr. Lewis the whole time about the matter.

Q. When did you find out that the policy you received from Mr. Lewis erroneously described your property?

X A. After it burnt down; I kept waiting for them to come and see about it; I was informed there always come to see some men, and I kept waiting for them and they did not come and I come to see Mr. Lewis about it.

Q. What representations, if any, were made by you to Mr. Lewis to secure that policy of insurance ?

A. How was that ?

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- Q. Did you and Mr. Lewis discuss your building or the use of it or any thing before he issued your policy to you?
- A. No sir.
- Q. State whether or not you made any application to Mr. Lewis for that policy ?
- A. The only talk I had with him was after the building burnt up.
- Q. State whether or not you made application to Mr. Lewis for insurance on these two buildings ?
- A. No, because it was already in there when he took charge of the business.
- Q. How did you receive the policy from Mr. Lewis ?
- A. I received it through the mail; when it was due he sent it to me by mail.
- Q. Why did you not tell Mr. Lewis your building was used for lodge purposes ?
- A. I thought he knew it; he took up the other business and if I had had the least idea in the world he did not know it I would have told him about it; he took up the business and issued them things right along.
- Q. What ~~rules~~ knowledge did you have of the rules of the insurance companies about insuring such buildings ?
- A. I had none at all of any kind; I just thought they give you orders what they wanted you to do and you complied with them orders, and if any thing happened you got paid.
- Q. Do you know any of their regulations; of the insurance companies ?
- A. No, I never had none from them; I never got any instructions only in the first beginning; I thought the only instructions was the rules about fires and I got that from Judge Randall.
- Q. State whether or not Sol, either Judge O. Randall or Mr. F. H. Lewis informed you of any ~~part~~ rule or regula-

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tion on the part of the insurance company against insuring buildings used for meeting places of negro lodges ?

A. No, they never has.

Q. How long had you known Judge O. Randall ?

A. Oh, something like 25 years I reckon.

Q. Did he know your inability to read and write ?

A. He knew I could not.

Q. He knew that you could not ?

A. Yes.

Q. Sol, you are of the colored race, are you ?

A. Yes sir.

Q. What chance have you had in the matter of education; any?

A. Not a bit in the world.

Q. Did Judge Randall know that ?

A. He did know it.

Q. Did Mr. Lewis know it ?

A. He must have known I could not read and write; I don't think there is an old settled white man in the whole town or place here that don't know I can't read.

Q. State whether or not when you received the policy from Mr Lewis that he did not know that the place was used as a meeting place for negro lodges ?

A. I could not say.

Q. Did you think any thing about it ?

A. I thought he must know it; it was a kind of sporting place you know used for balls and entertainments and all like that you know; for lodge meetings and different things.

Q. State whether or not Mr. Lewis inspected the building when he issued the policy to you ?

A. If he ever inspected it, he never inspected it with me.

Q. Why did you not tell Mr. Lewis Sol, that it was used for lodge purposes of a negro lodge.

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A. Because I never met him; I never thought there would be any hereafter about it and I thought they would be responsible for it and I complied with all the orders Judge Randall give me about it and I don't expect I ever spoke a dozen words to Mr. Lewis about it.

Q. Did you know it was any handicap because it was used for negro lodges ?

A. I did not.

Q. Would you have informed Mr. Lewis of that fact if you had known it ?

A. Sure, right at once; if I had only known about it being right or wrong, of course I would have come to Mr. Lewis and told him.

Q. When did the building burn down did you say Sol ?

A. In 1912, on the 9th day of June.

Q. Did both buildings burn down ?

A. Yes, both.

Q. Both the school house and the pagoda ?

A. Yes; I live about a mile from there and some body telephoned me, and when I got there it was burnt down.

CROSS EXAMINATION.

BY MR. FORD.

Q. Did this fire occur in the day time or night time ?

A. It was night time; it was about twelve o'clock when I got there.

Q. How many lodges met in that building ?

A. There was a good many different ones; I could not tell them all, except they all paid so much per month and don't know all now.

Q. Just give the names of those you do know ?

A. There was the Love & Charity - To tell you the truth Mr. Ford I could not tell you what they was.

Q. Did not the Knights of Pythias meet there ?

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- A. Yew sir.
- Q. And the Masons ?
- A. Yes, the Masons too.
- Q. How many nights in the week did they meet ?
- A. Well you see each one had a night; there was some one
of them there every night most.
- Q. And they used that building for that purpose all the time
you had it up to the time it burned down ?
- A. Yes sir.
- Q. You never saw Mr. Lewis before you received that policy ?
- A. No sir.
- Q. The first you knew about it it came to you by mail ?
- A. It came to me by mail.
- Q. Did you get it out of the post office or some of your
folks get it ?
- A. Some of my folks.
- Q. You say you can't read or write ?
- A. No sir.
- Q. Who reads your letters for you ?
- A. My daughter.
- Q. She lives with you ?
- A. She lives right close by; about a hundred yards off.
- Q. And when you get any mail she reads it to you ?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And when this paper came she told you it was an insurance
policy ?
- A. Yes sir; the policy from Mr. Lewis.
- Q. How did you settle for this ?
- A. She brought him the money for it.
- Q. Your daughter brought him the money ?
- A. Yes sir.
- Q. And you did not see him ?
- A. No sir.
- Q. What business have you been engaged in Sol.

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- A. Saw milling.
- Q. As a matter of fact as a foreman in one of the Denny mills haven't you ?
- A. Yes sir.
- Q. You were employed as foreman and had a good many men under you ?
- A. Yes, about 30 or 35 men.
- Q. How long had you been there as foreman ?
- A. I been there about forty years; ever since the war.
- Q. Was there any lodge meeting held there that night it burned down ?
- A. No sir; that was Sunday night and I particularly inquired about that at the fire; on Friday night they lit up there to have a meeting and it was closed up about nine o'clock; dismissed, you know.

RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION.

By MR. DENNY.

- Q. You say they did not have any meeting on the night of the fire ?
- A. No sir, it was Sunday night.
- Q. When you received that policy from Mr. Lewis, what was it contained in ?
- A. Well it was just about like I would get a letter now and I would take it home and tell them to open it --
- Q. (Interrupting) Did that policy come to you in a sealed envelope ?
- A. It came to me through the mail.
- Q. You received it through the mail ?
- A. Yes sir.
- Q. What did you do with it ?
- A. I don't remember whether it was at home when I got there or whether it come there afterwards; but I remember my wife or one of the girls said to me there was a letter

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there from Mr. Lewis with the policy.

Q. Did you open it and hand it to your daughter to read to you ?

A. No sir; I never; I just looked at the figures on it.

Q. You looked at the figures on it ?

A. Yes sir, I know figures.

Q. You can read figures ?

A. Yes.

Q. How did you know what property that policy referred to?

A. She said it was from Mr. Lewis and I knew that was the only one I had.

Q. Only one what ?

A. Only building.

Q. How did you know that was the property he insured ?

A. He did not have any other except that for me then.

Q. Did your daughter read to you that the property in that policy was described as a one story house ?

A. No sir; if she had I would sure have hunted him up about it.

Q. What I want to know is did you have any idea that policy related to your school house building and the pagoda?

A. Yes sir; that is the only one I had, and if I had had any idea that it said it was a one story building I might sure would have hunted him up that day or might soon afterwards to correct the mistake.

NOTE.

It is agreed between Counsel for Complainant and Defendant that the policies of insurance referred to in the bill of complaint as Exhibits A. B. & C are the policies of insurance that the witness Gregory testified to as having been received from O. Randall and F. H. Lewis, and that the same were handed to Denny & Denny, his attorneys, as is also policy No. 2684 in the Hart-

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From: Howard Schramm Jr [hmsjr@attglobal.net]
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Subject: Dennys

Dear Renee,

Thank you for helping me today.

The look up that I was telling you about is called PERSI. It is the Periodical Source Index for genealogical periodical publications. It is done by the Allen County (Indiana) Public Library. Take a look at their web page:

<http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/persi.html>

I found out when I went on it that you can only go online with it if you are in their library or through Ancestry.com. The way that I do it is through Ancestry. There is also a print version that many libraries have.

In case you don't have Ancestry, I looked up the reference again and the article on the Dennys is located in Vol. 13 #4 (1996) of the Jackson Co. Genealogical Society Journal. I am just thinking that this article is the one where Jean Strickland makes a correction to the Turner outline in Four Centuries on the Pascagoula. It is about John "Jack" Turner.

Just so you can have it in writing, the newspaper article that I was told of is about is the murder of John "Jack" Turner by a slave. It was supposed to have taken place in Leaf, Greene Co., Miss. in May 1843. I was told that it was in a book of early Mississippi newspaper clippings by Jean Strickland but have been unable to identify the book.

John "Jack" Turner (1805-c1843) married Malinda Denny (c1805-c1881) supposedly in Jackson Co. Miss. before 1830, but I have not been able to verify any Jackson Co. marriages is this era. If you have some sources, please tell me.

I do not know where John "Jack" is buried but Malinda has an unengraved slab attributed to her by the book on the Oddfellows Cemetery in Bayou La Batre. She is together with some of her children. I am attaching a picture of the stone of Walter Denny Crenshaw, great grandson of Malinda. The picture does not show up very well—I guess I need to retake it.

There is a person I believe to be Malinda's sister, named Elizabeth Box (the Boxes are married to John "Jack's" cousins) buried in Magnolia Cemetery in Mobile. According to the book on the cemetery, her stone says she is the daughter of Walter Denny. I have tried to locate the stone, and may have found it, but it is leaning at such an angle I could not read it. I am working with the cemetery office to verify from their records where she is buried, but there is some confusion at the office and they have not sorted it all out yet.

I would be happy to send you any of my documentation you might want.

Thank you for your help.

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Dear Mr. Taylor,

Enclosed you'll find copies of the Federal Censuses, 1870, 1880, not 1890(it burned), 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1930 on the Gregory/Givens family. I've also included copies of articles and photos and even some "maybe related things" for your research. If you fill out the family group sheets and include all the information you have and send me copies, I'll be glad to put it in family tree maker and start you a "book".

I am so glad you are interested in researching the Gregory descendants, as they are an important family to our area. Please send me anything else you might have so that we can build up our file.

We charge fifteen cents a copy and if you feel like sending a donation to Pascagoula Library, we'll be glad to accept! I don't usually do this much research upon request, but as I mentioned, I think that it's important to our department to build up your family file. Certainly, I look forward to having lunch with you when you visit our Department. I also plan on doing an oral interview with Mr. James Planer in the meantime to perhaps learn more.

Sincerely,

*Renee Gautier-Hague
Local History/Genealogy*

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ST PAUL CEMETERY

St. Paul Cemetery (Magnolia) (Collard) is located in Section 25, T7S-R6W across the street from St. Paul United Methodist Church on Magnolia Street, near the corner of Magnolia and Bellview Streets, Moss Point, Jackson County, Mississippi. It consist of lots 52 and 75 of the Denny Lands and was established by Solomon Gregory in 1898. Tombstone inscriptions, death certificate data and funeral home records were compiled by Harry H. McDonald, Sr., November 19, 1991 and January 31, 1996. Some graves recorded as unmarked are due to conditions of markers.

MAP

Looking west, reading right to left, beginning at fence
McIntosh, S. I. B., Nov. 7, 1905 - May 10, 1906
McIntosh, E. C., Aug. 22, 1917 - Jan. 24, 1919
McIntosh, N. A. F., Sep. 25, 1919 - Mar. 14, 1922
Cook, Lottie Ellis, Aug. 29, 1880 - Mar. 1961
Ellis, William, Sr., died 1936
McClain, Rosco D., Nov. 5, 1898 - Oct. 9, 1957
McClain, Lucinda, died Dec. 12, 1961
Nathan, Eran Hand, Dec. 16, 1904 - Jan. 3, 1959
Carter, Fannie, 1912 - 1989
King, Katie Hyde, July 26, 1903 - Oct. 14, 1978

facing Magnolia Street.

Unmarked graves in this cemetery were too numerous to include.

Mundy, William J., July 17, 1874 - Dec. 9, 1931
McIntosh, P. W., Aug. 5, 1886 - Nov. 2, 1972
Moton, L. G., died May 21, 1915
Carr, Addie Polk, died Aug. 13, 1982, (FHM)
Joseph, Abraham, May 12, 1900 - May 5, 1918
Coleman, Tony, Jan. 15, 1882 - Feb. 2, 1958
Stafford, Sullivan, Apr. 17, 1900 - Dec. 13, 1975
Knight, Walter R., 1915 - 1987
James, Laura M., Aug. 20, 1877 - Aug. 7, 1947
Shular, Samuel, May 9, 1885 - Nov. 5, 1949
Shular, Victoria, Nov. 11, 1891 - Aug. 26, 1985
Nelson, Pauline, Nov. 18, 1907 - Jan. 21, 1960
Walker, Clinton, Sep. 23, 1897 - Feb. 3, 1948
Walker, Emily, Sep. 2, 1886 - Feb. 2, 1975
Nelson, Charles, July 31, 1925 - Living
Nelson, Priscilla, Apr. 3, 1946 - Oct. 23, 1989
Harrison, Charles, 1933 - 1934
Mason, Sarah Bush, Jan. 10, 1886 - Oct. 5, 1936
Bush, Rebecca *Hawkins*, Apr. 16, 1876 - July 23, 1934
Glaude, Menerva, died 1948
McGuffie, Rosia Lee, died 1953
Johnson, Mabel, 1924 - 1977
York, Milton, Jr., died Jan. 20, 1954
York, Milton, died, Jan. 20, 1954, age 78 years
York, Irene, Dec. 22, 1876 - Feb. 23, 1969
Greenwood, Della W., Jun 18, 1881-Jun 29, 1974
Thompson, Essie W., Feb. 16, 1888 - Mar. 31, 1974
Hutchinson, Elex, died Oct. 2, 1919
Hutchinson, Addie, died Sep. 21, 1937
Barter, Sadie *Griffin*, died May 23, 1970
Barter, Henry Edward, died Nov. 12, 1969
Williams, Catherine, 1832 - 1925
Martin, Asaline, 1868 - 1928
Martin, Willie, Sr., Feb. 5, 1907 - Oct. 24, 1969
Budreaux, Lorena Bell, Aug. 18, 1890 - Nov. 7, 1918
Hamilton, Willie, Feb. 26, 1906 - Dec. 14, 1974
Dukes, Anglish, died Sep. 1, 1985
Hubbard, Moses, Jan. 26, 1898 - Apr. 13, 1919
Hubbard, Alice, Apr. 9, 1895 - May 13, 1921
Hubbard, Henry, Nov. 14, 1875 - Nov. 17, 1957
Hubbard, Rosa Ray, July 24, 1977 - Aug. 1, 1963
Howard, James E., no dates
Hubbard, Marguerite *Lewis*, no dates
Howard, Albert L., Dec. 3, 1893 - Nov. 27, 1960

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Lewis, Jesse H., II, Dec. 22, 1931 - Feb. 25, 1971
 Bass, Beatrice A., Feb. 16, 1898 - Oct. 18, 1980
 Lancaster, William R., Sep. 22, 1918 - Jan. 24, 1953
 McCann, S. A., Nov. 15, 1861 - Dec. 17, 1922
 McFail, Bettie Lue, Apr. 14, 1869 - June 26, 1959
 Wilson, Thomas, Oct. 28, 1891 - July 29, 1959
 Brooks, Lula *Robinson*, Nov. 2, 1905 - May 19, 1971
 Brooks, Charles, Aug. 12, 1905 - Mar. 23, 1974
 Johnson, Justine Boudreaux,
 Aug 18, 1907-July 25, 1963
 Williams, John D., Apr. 29, 1944 - Feb. 25, 1967
 Miller, Eddie D., July 7, 1911 - Apr. 4, 1981
 Hyde, Celestine T., Dec. 2, 1889 - Feb. 17, 1954
 Hyde, J. C., Sr., July 29, 1887 - Oct. 31, 1947
 Todd, Doris Patricia, 1941 - 1946
 Wilson, Charlie W., died 1902
 Wilson, Harriet H., died 1908
 Wilson, Katie P., Apr. 16, 1874 - Jan. 24, 1955 (FHR)
 Campbell, Peter W., 1908 - 1984
 Smith, Warner A., Aug. 5, 1910 - Mar. 11, 1972
 Smith, Ella Mary, May 10, 1877 - Sep. 8, 1950
 McFail, Candis, Feb. 23, 1871 - Aug. 15, 1908
 McFail, Paul (no dates)
 Shavers, Eliza, 1881 - Oct. 20, 1918
 Howard, Robert Tillman, June 20, 1895 - Mar. 31, 1919
 Howard, Belle, Apr. 14, 1866 - Feb. 26, 1941
 Howard, Robert S., Apr. 19, 1866 - Dec. 10, 1917
 Howard, S. T., 1878 -1911
 Howard, Robert, died Feb. 20, 1912
 George, Margie Almeater, Nov 28, 1932 - Oct. 28, 1940
 Howard, Georgiana, Oct. 15, 1845 - June 14, 1942
 Howard, Solomon, Oct. 24, 1891 - Aug. 11, 1956
 Howard, Lemmie Ella, Nov. 27, 1889 - Dec. 18, 1980
 George, John J., Nov. 5, 1900 - Nov. 19, 1965
 Seward, Julia, no dates
 Watson, Minnie Cecellia, Sep. 1, 1886 - July 5, 1980
 Watson, Eddie, 1881 - 1967
 Hawkins, Samuel, Mar. 30, 1918 - Mar. 17, 1971
 Hawkins, Addie *McElroy*, 1884 - 1962
 Hawkins, Willie S., Oct. 22, 1882 - Aug. 14, 1948
 Hawkins, John, died May 6, 1917, age 70
 Casher, John Lewis, 1934 - 1988
 McLendon, Charles L., Nov. 7, 1909 - Nov. 30, 1970
 Lewis, Harold Horace, Sep. 23, 1922 - Apr. 13, 1945
 Thompson, George, 1878 - 1962
 Jones, Eddie, Apr. 26, 1894 - Aug. 15, 1946
 Jones, Henry, June 28, 1884 - July 7, 1906
 Moore, Bessie, Sep. 3, 1900 - Jan. 9, 1927
 McConnaghy, Charles, Mar 11, 1892-Jan 14, 1967
 U. S. Army WWI
 Ferrill, Joe, 1860 - 1936
 Ferrill, Emily, 1879 - 1949
 Pittman, Rev. Leonard, Oct. 12, 1905 - Dec. 19, 1979
 Pittman, Bertha, *wife of Rev. Leonard Pittman*
 Buchanan, Ollie, Jan. 4, 1882 - Apr. 2, 1911
 Perryman, William 1913 - 1984
 Hawkins, John A., Oct. 24, 1878 - June 2, 1910
 Alexandria, James H., Sr., Mar. 7, 1895 - Dec. 5, 1964
 Nelson, Rose E. *Hawkins*, Oct 18, 1903 - Apr. 17, 1974
 Hammond, Mary Louise *Hawkins*, Mar 3, 1910-Jan 5, 1984
 Wilson, Chester A., Oct. 2, 1903 -
 Howard, Jedd Addison, Nov. 11, 1892 - Dec. 19, 1981
 Howard, Eva Bell, Mar. 25, 1906 - Oct. 31, 1974
 Cowan, Mack Terence, Jun 26, 1888-Feb 12, 1966
 Cowan, Gracie C., June 3, 1891 - Aug. 7, 1974
 Hedge, Martha, 1865 - June 10, 1910
 Givens, Anderson E., Nov 5, 1881-Oct 2, 1958
 Givens, W. H., Nov. 23, 1879 - Aug. 12, 1898
 Hyde, Henry, Feb. 24, 1954 - Jan. 1, 1922
 McGee, Mauding, born Oct. 23, 1946
 Gilbert, Nellie, June 8, 1942, Age 75
 Murphy, Jeanete M., 1908 - 1985
 Givens, Mary Louise, Mar. 11, 1875 - Sep. 27, 1943
 Givens, Henry, June 27, 1898 - May 30, 1944
 Hyde, Charlie W., Dec 26, 1897-Jun 19, 1959
 Pvt. U. S. Army WWI
 Hyde, Henry, Jan. 1, 1893 - Jan. 17, 1939
 Thompson, Alton, died Dec. 20, 1945
 Hyde, Maude, Nov. 4, 1893 - Feb. 26, 1973
 Breland, Julia, died May 28, 1945
 Jenkins, L. A., May 5, 1891 - Feb. 27, 1911
 Ceaser, Peter, died Feb. 14, 1916, age 70
 Breaux, Cornelious, Mar. 3, 1897 - Dec. 24, 1967
 Myers, Milton T., 1917 - 1972
 Marshall, Ida, Apr. 29, 1852 - Aug. 3, 1942
 Williams, Ada, 1852 - 1923
 Williams, _____, *mother of Ida and Ada Williams*
 Ellis, Fate, 1891 - 1930
 Ellis, Rudolph, 1821 - 1922
 McDowell, Samuel E., June 14, 1902 - May 20, 1968
 Fairley, Charles Samuel, Oct. 12, 1912 - Feb. 28, 1950
 Coleman, Lauretta R., died 1990, age 86
 Tatum, Ollie John, June 9, 1887 - May 28, 1943
 Stewart, Rosie Lee, Sep. 22, 1882 - Feb. 16, 1929
 Collard, C. S., May 19, 1855 - July 16, 1918
 Collard, Mulgogyn, 1892 - 1981
 Walker, Robert, Jr., May 5, 1900

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Collard, C. S., May 19, 1855 - July 16, 1918
Collard, Mulgogyn, 1892 - 1981
Polk, Martha *Grant*, Apr. 3, 1873 - Nov. 11, 1963
Smith, Virgie Lee, Aug. 3, 1902 - May 12, 1967
Polk, Willie, Feb. 11, 1867 - Jan. 11, 1951
Smith, John, Nov. 18, 1903 - Feb. 27, 1943
Kates, Claborne, May 24, 1914 - July 4, 1957
Millender, Ella, 1876 - 1959
Robinson, Callie *Polk*, Jan. 17, 1893 - Sep. 8, 1987
Polk, Joseph T., May 24, 1940 - Aug. 1, 1984
Ward, John, died 1915
Robertson, Evageline, Aug. 12, 1884 - Sep. 12, 1902
Kennedy, Mary Bell, 1866 - 1936
Bartee, Mattie, died July 27, 1913
Hill, Lee H., died Sep. 1, 1927
Bailey, Saul, no dates
Chatman, Thomas Earl, Sep. 24, 1943 - Dec. 1, 1975
Baylis, James W., Mar. 23, 1944 - Dec. 17, 1968
Walker, Robert, Jr., May 5, 1900 - Aug. 22, 1975
Walker, Ira Belle, died 1990 age 68
Dubose, Betty, 1904 - 1990 age 86
Polk, Hermis L., Apr. 24, 1906 - July 24, 1980
Williams, George W., Nov. 27, 1890 - Aug. 23, 1971
Berry, Lorena M., Nov. 6, 1883 - Aug. 14, 1969
Green, John W., Dec. 5, 1887 - Jan. 22, 1981
Green, Eddie W., Jr., Nov. 3, 1933 - Nov. 5, 1953
Green, Julius, Sep. 11, 1910 - Dec. 12, 1952
Green, Maggie, May 14, 1899 - Aug. 24, 1953
Waters, Laura, Jan. 1889 - Feb. 27, 1925
Hayes, Elsada C., Sep. 21, 1908 - Oct. 9, 1943
Hamilton, Dessie, 1904 - 1991, age 87
Fagan, Henry, Oct. 19, 1910 - Nov. 11, 1983
Preston, Thorai, Sep. 17, 1901 - June 15, 1985
Preston, Hermine, Oct. 2, 1902 - Dec. 19, 1981
Bartee, Harry B., Aug 8, 1895-Mar 3, 1962
US Army WWI
Ellis, Julia G., Jan. 6, 1890 - July 3, 1943
Fountain, Ray D., Sep. 15, 1909 - Mar. 17, 1953
Gardner, Cora, Dec. 28, 1897 - July 20, 1962
Black, Emma, (no dates)
Bartee, Malissa, 1864-1935
(Sep 26, 1864-Mar 25, 1935)
Bartee, Henry, no dates
Green, Henry, Dec. 10, 1907 - May 5, 1926
Jones, Alberta *Bartee*, (died May 7, 1943 obit)
Anderson, Katie, died Nov. 6, 1896, age 36
Anderson, Daniel, died Mar. 14, 1911, age 59
Clark, Charles O., Aug. 20, 1921 - Jan. 16, 1945
Smith, James Lloyd, Sep. 7, 1879 - Aug. 23, 1957
Polk, Oliver James, Oct. 5, 1913 - Apr. 17, 1982
Jackson, Ruth *Polk*, Nov. 30, 1906 - June 12, 1986
Patton, Nancy, Mar. 5, 1897 - Sep. 4, 1973
Patton, Frank, Sep. 9, 1909 - July 11, 1969
Patton, James B., June 10, 1874 - Apr. 6, 1948
Vaiden, Millie, Mar. 10, 1873 - June 1, 1955
Cline, Mary Ellen, May 5, 1896 - Dec. 24, 1974
Harris, Grant, died Feb. 24, 1910
Jones, Melvina, Apr. 12, 1879 - June 4, 1960
Reed, Mary *Dubose*, 1917 - 1989, died age 72
Dubose, Willie, 1894 - 1976
Dubose, Georgia Ann, 1892 - 1969
Freeman, Joe, Dec. 10, 1895 - June 26, 1973
Freeman, Laura V., Apr. 7, 1900 - Feb. 28, 1976
Nettles, Leslie J., Feb 12, 1934-Nov 9, 1969
Pvt. US Army
Fountain, Theola, Aug. 5, 1909 - Apr. 7, 1985
Robinson, H. C., Jan. 16, 1925 - Dec. 14, 1963

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Johnson, Maryellen, Apr. 26, 1926 - May 19, 1945
 Bethea, Mae Bell, Nov. 13, 1920 - Mar. 7, 1981
 Feagin, T. F., Apr. 30, 1933 - May 26, 1953
 Frison, William, Mar 4, 1912-Oct 16, 1971
PFC. U. S. Army, WWII
 Davis, Jack C., Sr., Oct. 7, 1912 - Aug. 29, 1989
 Brown, Mariah, Aug. 18, 1862 - June 5, 1944
 Williams, Alfred, May 13, 1897 - Mar. 18, 1967
 Williams, Henry, Jan 5, 1890-Oct. 25, 1890
STD 3 U.S. Army, WWI
 Smith, Mary, died Apr. 17, 1976, age 71
 Jones, Octavia Olivia, died Oct. 6, 1968
 Jones, Joseph, Apr. 24, 1910 - July 2, 1958
 Hunt, Eula Mae, May 17, 1915 - Feb. 24, 1991
 Copes, Mary M., 1901 - 1983
 Williams, Albert C., Sep. 23, 1915 - July 2, 1983
 Williams, Richard, no dates
 Williams, Irene, no dates
 Chapman, Beler, Aug. 20, 1902 - Dec. 19, 1966
 Taylor, Lewis (Louis), (Feb. 16, 1892 - Feb. 18, 1934)
 Taylor, Lewis, Jr., no dates
 Firch, Leonard, died 1922
 London, Lovie May, died July 7, 1958
 Thomas, Joe, died 1957

Previously marked graves that could not be located.

Williams, John S., Dec. 10, 1907 - May 5, 1907
 Dennis, Luella, May 12, 1900 - May 5, 1918
 Wells, Mabel Hyde, De. 2, 1911 - July 19, 1948
 Taylor, Dollie, July 4, 1895 - Apr. 4, 1959
 Known burials from death certificates

Adams, Margaret, died Feb. 11, 1919
 Alexander, Willie, died Jan. 16, 1931, age 24
 Allen, Caleb, died Nov. 4, 1925
 Allen, Mary, died Feb. 6, ?
 Allen, Minnie, Feb. 5, 1885 - July 2, 1919
 Anderson, James, May 10, 1908 - June 4, 1921
 Anderson, Louis, Apr. 24, 1922, age 38
 Anderson, Willie, died Apr. 2, 1914, age 14
 Banam, Lorenzo, Sep. 28, 1890 - Oct. 19, 1925
 Barnett, Lorenzo, died, May 5, 1916, age 74
 Barrett, Josephine, died, Sep. 29, 1928, age 78
 Bartee, James, died Aug. 21, 1932, age 45
 Bass, Josephine, died Feb. 1, 1930, age 52
 Berry, Emman, died Oct. 27, 1929
 Blake, Edwinna, died, Apr. 28, 1916, age 45

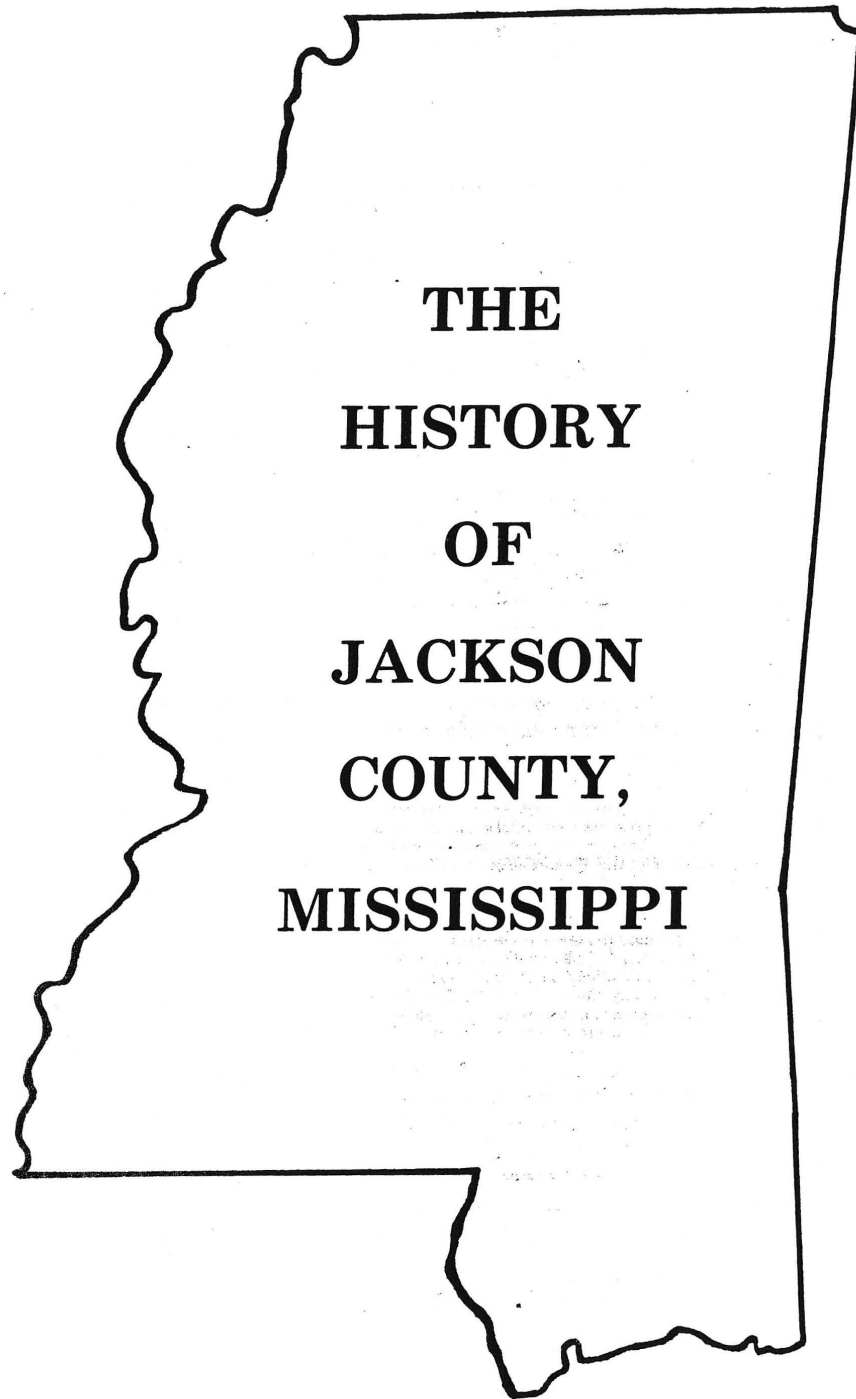
Booker, Clara, died, Feb. 27, 1924, age 23
 Bragly, Alice, died, June 5, 1928, age 59
 Braum, John, died, June 21, 1927, age 53
 Braum, Mary Louise, died Aug. 16, 1923, Age 16
 Breland, Maria, died Aug. 7, 1915, age 68
 Brooks, Sumter, Aug. 17 - ? - Dec. 9, 1929
 Brown, Anderson, died, Nov. 5, 1933, age 45
 Brown, Sarah, died June 4, 1929, age 90
 Budrow, Isabelle, died July 27, 1915
 Buford, Willie, died July 16, 1918, age 21
 Butler, Amos, May 4, 1866 - Oct. 26, 1919
 Byrd, Florence, died Nov. 4, 1925, age 36
 Byrd, Henry, died, Nov. 21, 1927, age 65
 Byrd, Martha, died, Oct. 2, 1918, age 53
 Campbell, Riley, died Jan. 21, 1922, age 49
 Clark, Clementine, died May 19, 1925, age 18
 Clark, Lynch, died Mar. 22, 1924, age 22
 Clinton, Larmie, died Apr. 22, 1931
 Coleman, Inelike, died June 30, 1926
 Coleman, T., died Mar. 23, 1929, age 60
 Collard, Alfra, Dec. 13, 1925, age 28
 Collard, Arabell, died, Oct. 7, 1931, age 76
 Collard, Laura, died Oct. 13, 1928, age 32
 Collier, Ellis, died Aug. 17, 1921, age 42
 Cook, Eliga, died May 19, 1927, age 51
 Cooper, Addie, died May 13, 1928, age 47
 Crumb, Fisher, died Aug. 23, 1925, age 28
 Daniels, Tom, died Apr. 20, 1918, age 46
 Danning, Flora, died Jan. 4, 1928, age 49
 Danning, Raif, died June 28, 1917, age 55
 Dantzler, Allen, died Aug. 22, 1917, age 74
 Davis, Bettie, died Mar. 16, 1921, age 88
 Davis, Dora, died Sep. 28, 1925
 Davis, John, died Oct. 23, 1918
 Davis, Martha, died Apr. 22, 1928
 Davis, Mary, died June 5, 1916, age 38
 Dawson, Lillie, died June 22, 1929, age 35
 Defanders, Ramas, died Aug. 26, 1932, age 50
 Duffy, Charles, died June 17, 1914, age 79
 Elder, Sarah, died Dec. 28, 1916
 Evans, Mack, died Aug. 9, 1922, died age 29
 Fairley, Rebecca, died Jan. 20, 1915, age 53
 Filling, Sallie, died May 14, 1919, age 2
 Fitch, Ed, died Oct. 17 - 1934, age 50
 Ford, John, died Dec. 30, 1928
 Foster, Sophia, died May 26, 1922, age 51
 Franklin, Sarah, died Oct. 6, 1923, age 81
 Frison, Robert, died Mar. 25, 1917, died age 2
 Gibson, Emma, died Sep. 4, 1925, age 28

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Gilbury, George, died Apr. 24, 1916, age 54
Goff, Josephine, died June 7, 1925, age 40
Gradford, David, died May 28, 1924, age 24
Gradford, Dalner, died May 23, 1924, age 24
Grandberry, Alice, May 14, 1921, age 25
Grant, Susan, died May 2, 1928
Green, Frank, died Aug. 1, 1920, age 50
Green, Henry, died May 21, 1925, age 17
Greenwood, Jackson, Aug. 12, 1884 - July 23, 1931
Greer, Ellen, Jan. 27, 1858 - Sep. 12, 1915
Gregory, Louise, died May 25, 1921, age 69
Gregory, Solomon, died Jan. 6, 1916, age 80, *founder of cemetery, son of C. Gregory and Hanna Dury*
Griffin, Alf, Dec. 14, 1889 - Aug. 28, 1930
Griffin, Bill, died Oct. 13, 1914, age 42
Hamilton, Eliza, died Mar. 6, 1918, age 69
Harris, Annie, Mar. 17, 1865 - May 23, 1931
Harris, Milford, died Aug. 6, 1918, age 40
Harris, Montgomery, died Apr. 12, 1925, age 85
Hawkins, Ira, died Sep. 12, 1925, age 81
Hawkins, John, died May 5, 1917, age 70
Hayles, John, died Apr. 7, 1925, age 50
Hill, Lee, died Sep. 9, 1927, age 56
Holloway, Sadie, died Jan. 7, 1929, age 67
Holmes, Henry, died July 10, 1931
Hunter, Felice, died Nov. 16, 1923, age 36
Hyde, Fannie, died Feb. 15, 1918, age 58
Hyde, Rosa, died Nov. 20, 1923, age 49
James, Ed, Oct. 19, 1927, age 30
James, Millie, died Jan. 4, 1915, age 62
James, Willie, died Apr. 4, 1916, age 26
Johnson, Annie, died July 14, 1915
Johnson, Andrew, died Oct. 7, 1926
Johnson, Russell, died Feb. 9, 1917, age 58
Jones, Henrietta, died Jan. 28, 1917
Jones, Joseph, died Aug. 23, 1928
Kennedy, Mary Jane, died Jan. 28, 1920, age 52
Knight, John, died Apr. 21, 1920, age 55
Kyles, Dennis, died June 17, 1927
Kyles, Margaret, died Jan. 13, 1929
Ladnier, Harriet, died July 29, 1921, age 53
Lancaster, Alanzo, died Mar. 17, 1925, age 46
Lancaster, Pheobe, Dec. 20, 1860 - Nov. 1, 1931
Lang, John, May 13, 1924, age 60
Lepree, Mary, died Jan. 18, 1927, age 21
Lepree, Nassin, died Nov. 28, 1926, age 58
Leroy, Elsey, died June 22, 1927, age 74
Linday, Thomas, died Apr. 2, 1925, age 50
Locket, Will, died Nov. 6, 1929

Long, Josephine

*acc. to Alma
Norman...
her mother said
he died in her arms
which means Sol
died around 1921-*



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PORT OF PASCAGOULA

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Capt. John Grant, born Nov. 25, 1796, moved to Pascagoula from Mobile in 1840. This ingenious inventor, engineer and legislator perfected a harbor dredge at the age of 25 that is still used in basic dredge design today.

After Congress appropriated money in 1826 for dredging the pass south of Mobile and failed to accomplish it by 1827, Grant invested \$100,000 of his own money, built his dredge and had a six-foot pass completed by the fall of 1839. This pass, known as Grant's Pass, stretched from Mobile Bay into the Mississippi Sound.

When he moved to Pascagoula in 1840, he dredged the East Branch of the Pascagoula River with a real "horse-powered dredge" which diverted shipping from West Pascagoula River, thus developing the beach area and the East Pascagoula River section of present-day Jackson County. He also engineered the first "floating dock" which adjusted itself to the ship's decks for loading and unloading regardless of the tide or water level.

He moved back to Mobile, then to New Orleans, where he died and was brought back by rail to Pascagoula for burial, over the very track that he had designed and engineered - the Ponchartrain Railroad.

The history of the Port of Pascagoula is varied and lengthy. Schooners and cargo ships from all over the world plied the waters of the Mississippi Sound to bring products in and to load with our fine lumber, turpentine, charcoal, corn, rice, wool and other products.

Until the railroad came, coastal cities brought their goods and transported ours back by water. The records of the Quarantine Station at Ship Island during the 1870 s, list the goods, the ships, the captains and relate all the problems that still exist today in port shipping.

Almost all industry in Pascagoula and Jackson County depends upon the port and its access. The mighty Pascagoula has served us well.

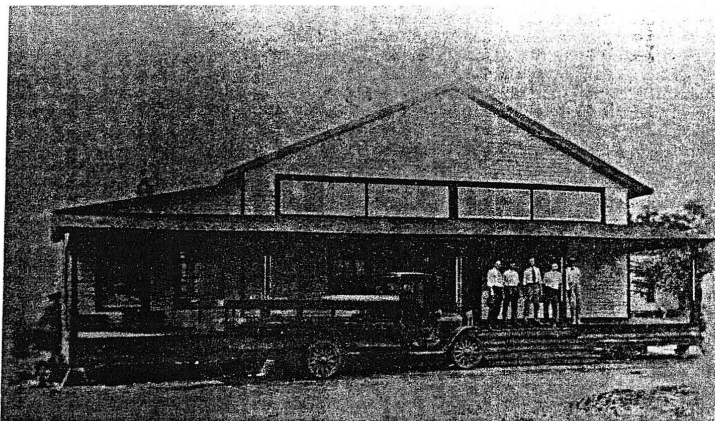
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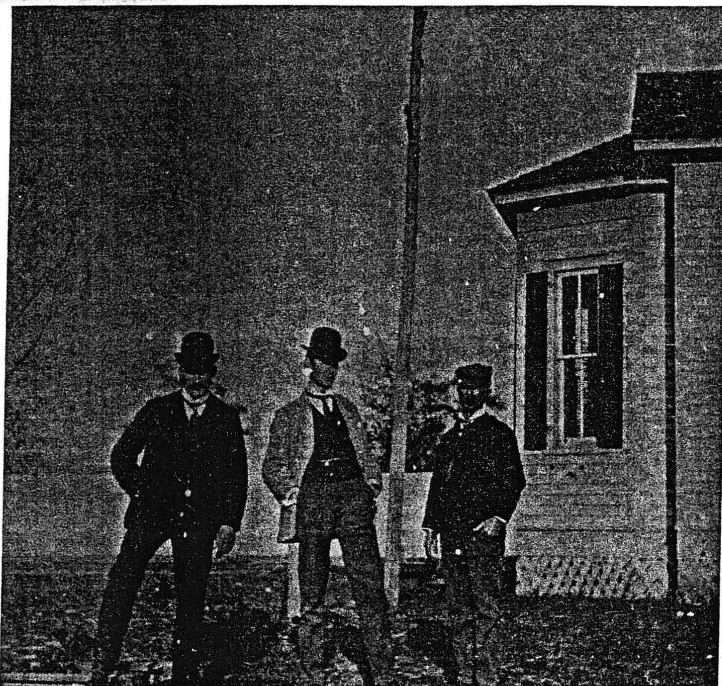
"The Star" (February 21, 1874) advises that during that period, Pascagoula enjoyed a brisk lumber trade. Thirty ships from various places were often in port at the same time. From 1874 to 1949 there was a vast forest of virgin timber in Jackson County. Pine logs and hewn timber from this forest were brought to Moss Point and Scranton during the spring and fall freshets in the Leaf, Chickasawhay, Escatawpa, and Pascagoula Rivers, to the receiving point on the Pascagoula River, about one mile above Moss Point. From there, they were towed by tugboat to the different mills.

During this period, Moss Point was an ideal location for sawmills and timber



Dantzler Sawmill Commissary
Located between "Lover's Lane" and Dantzler Sawmill Office, Moss Point probably dated early 30 s.
Second from the left: John McArthur. Far right: H.V. Wall.

Courtesy of: Day Lander



Farnsworth Lumber Co. Office

Courtesy of: Tommy Wixon

booms. Nature seemed to anticipate the wants of the manufacturer and shipper, as they were provided safe and economical places for booms by the different lakes, adjacent to the rivers, on which the mills were located.

The roots of Jackson County's industries can be traced directly to its abundance of

trees. Timber was responsible for the area's first big industry, sawmills. Then, as a natural offshoot, came the paper mill. And since this county's earliest days, the wood harvested from its forests was used for building ships.

In the operation of an early sawmill, from about 1835 to 1840, timber was roughly

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squared with a broad ax and then placed over a saw pit or elevated on a trestle six or seven feet high. Saws of several patterns were used; the most common had a blade six or seven feet in length. A sawyer stood on the upper side of the log and pulled the saw upward, while the pitman stood underneath and pulled the saw downward. The saw cut only on the down stroke. Another important type, the sash sawmill, appeared in the late colonial period and continued in use until the 1840's or later. The saw consisted of a vertical blade fixed in a rectangular frame which gave stability to the sawing operation; the weight of the frame limited the number of strokes made by the saw to 120 or less per minute. A crew might saw from 3,000 to 5,000 feet daily. Both saws made a kerf more than one-half inch, but such waste was of no concern at a time when the supply of timber was deemed to be inexhaustible. The first steam mill on the Mississippi Coast was said to have been erected at Pascagoula in 1835 but was apparently operated for only a short time.

In the pre-railroad era creeks, bayous, and rivers were of incalculable importance to the economy of the pine country. The Pascagoula River, which drains almost all of southeast Mississippi from Newton, Neshoba, Kemper, and Lauderdale counties to the Gulf of Mexico, was navigable for small boats. The Escatawpa River, originating in south-western Alabama, forms a chain of natural lakes before joining the East Pascagoula River at Moss Point. These lakes, because of their depth and isolation from ocean currents, were ideal sites for forest industries.

In the very early 1800's John Cortez Rhodes owned and operated a sawmill in Moss Point. Rhodes owned all the land from Rhodes Bayou East to the junction of Elder Street (formerly Elder Ferry Road) and McInnis Ave.

Walter Denny, a native of Pennsylvania, came to Mississippi in 1800, locating in the northern part of Jackson County, on a Spanish Grant of 210 acres. He moved to Greene County in 1828, but his twelve year old son located in Moss Point, and became one of the first lumber manufacturers of the County.

The area now known as Dantzler Point, at the confluence of the Pascagoula and Escatawpa Rivers, was at one time called Mossey Point. The first sawmill, in this area was established near this point in 1830 on Beardslee's Lake about two hundred yards from the point. Timber and logs were floated down the Pascagoula River to the mill and the logmen who rode the log rafts also referred to the point as "Mossey Point". Sometime before 1867 it was known as "East Pascagoula". The few residents, in what is now Moss Point, received mail addressed to "Elder's Ferry, Mississippi" until 1867 when the post office was named "Moss Point" and by which name this place has since been known.

In 1840 the Denny family could observe the operations of their sawmill, located across the lake West of the bridge on Mississippi Highway 63 (now 613), with binoculars from their house, also their railroad (The Pascagoula Northern Railroad) which brought their logs from Denny, Miss. near the present town of Lucedale. The

railroad is now The Mississippi Export Railroad. The Dennys also owned a second sawmill known as O'Leary Sawmill located on O'Leary Lake near the present Mississippi Export Railroad repair shop at the end of Denny Street, east of City Hall.

In 1852, records show two of the first sawmills were built. One was constructed by a man by the name of Lynch in old Biloxi (known today as Ocean Springs) and the other by William Griffin in Moss Point. L.N. Dantzler took over the mill's operations in 1888.

Lumbering at the mouth of the Pascagoula River developed slowly before 1850 in spite of the unusual advantages of the site, lagging far behind the Pearl River and Bayou Bernard districts. One of the first mills was located at Americus some distance up the Pascagoula River from the coast. This mill, built in the early thirties and owned by Sark and Dameron, was a combination sawmill and gristmill. Its small production was marketed down the river to the residents of the Pascagoula area.

One of the early steam mills in the district was built by Tetar at West Pascagoula in 1835. Its existence was brief, for Tetar failed, the mill was dismantled and its engine installed in a boat. Perhaps the first mill in the neighborhood which became Moss Point (known earlier as Mossy Pen Point, a shipping port for cattle) was built by Beardslee and John Bradford in 1836. The site of the Beardslee and Bradford mill was on the bank of a natural lake of the Escatawpa River a few hundred yards above the confluence of the Escatawpa and East Pascagoula rivers. It was perhaps the best site in all the coast country; logs could reach the mill from both the Pascagoula and Escatawpa rivers, and schooners from the Gulf could take on cargoes at the mill.

Old residents say that one of the first sawmills was established by a Thomas E. Rhodes long before the war between the states. His mill was on the site of what was later known as the O'Leary Mill. Rhodes and his two sons, Thomas C. Jr. and Rufus, acquired land, which in later years was divided and sold off in tracts - known in land descriptions as parts of the Rhodes Tract.

Beardslee and Bradford sold their mill to David Files a native of Maine, who after operating it for a short time sold out to Walter Denny and Son, native Mississippians, in 1853. Files remained in the lumber business and erected another mill nearby.

Malcolm McRae purchased a small mill that had been erected in 1845 by D. A. Vermillion at the mouth of the East Pascagoula River and operated it until 1860. On Red Creek, a tributary of the Pascagoula River, McRae owned a farm and number of slaves. He employed them for most of the year to cut, haul, and raft timber to his mills at East Pascagoula. Even before entering the mill business, McRae had cut and rafted spar and square timber down to tidewater. In 1850 his mill sawed 700,000 board feet.

Three Massachusetts men, J.M. and J.P. Arnold and W.M. Sheldon, in 1847 commenced the manufacturing of lumber near the location of Beardslee's earlier mill. The partners operated a modification of the sash mill known as the muley mill in which the crossheads held the saw blades in position, thus eliminating the heavy wooden frame

that had been used to give stability to the blades of the sash saws.

In 1849 a fourth partner, William Griffin, joined the firm heretofore composed of the two Arnolds and Sheldon. Out of Griffin's interest in the mill business grew one of the largest lumber concerns in the South. His previous experience in lumbering had been confined largely to rafting spar timber and logs down Black Creek and the Pascagoula River to tidewater. From this business and his large herds of cattle, Griffin had acquired extensive holdings of land, slaves and perhaps surplus cash. His experience in logging and rafting was undoubtedly a valuable asset to the firm, set up as a ten-year partnership.

The largest mill owner in the Moss Point-Pascagoula district in 1850 was J.S. Dees. His mill, the only watermill in the district, was located a few miles up the Escatawpa River on Jackson Creek and employed twenty-five hands including five women. From May 31, 1849 to June 1, 1850, Dees' mill sawed 2,000,000 board feet of lumber. William Deggs, a millman of Moss Point, cut 500,000 board feet of lumber in the same year. Total lumber production for the Pascagoula district in that year cannot be accurately estimated, for the census returns did not include the mill owned by Griffin and his partners.

Garland Goode's mills, located above Franklin Creek on the Escatawpa River in the late fifties, were the largest and best managed in the district. Employing both circular saws and a double gang, the mills averaged about 25,000 board feet per day. The double gang was basically a combination of sash saws in a frame. A planning mill was added to the Goode sawmills; according to Mark Dees it was the first to be built in the Pascagoula district. Goode's mill management resembled the division, organization, and specialization of labor that was to prevail in large mills toward the end of the nineteenth century.

As the result of slow sales of Federal lands and pressure from the states, Congress had in 1850 passed legislation granting land to the states to encourage reclamation of overflowed areas. The Swampland Act was one of the most important land measures ever enacted by Congress, for through it a substantial portion of the national domain passed to the states. The act provided for transfer to the states of all lands that had been rendered unfit for cultivation because of overflows. By broadly interpreting the clause "wet and unfit for cultivation" Mississippi acquired thousands of acres of nonoverflow, dry, hilly lands. If the provisions of the Swampland Act had been strictly adhered to, nothing but the unsold lands in the Mississippi Delta could have been rightfully claimed by the state. The law authorized the appointment of agents who were to receive \$10.00 for each section patented to the state and the same rate for fractions of sections, for lands not previously listed in government surveys as swampland. As the agents' compensation depended upon the quantity of land they claimed for the state, section after section of pinelands was culled from the national domain. In northern Harrison and in Marion, Hancock, Perry, Jackson, Greene, and Covington counties

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much of the superior timberland was claimed by the state in this fashion.

Hilaire Krebs, one of the state's land agents, selected thousands of acres of forest lands in Jackson County. He judged as swampland all lands over which a boat could pass. It was said of Krebs that he drove a work animal hitched to a canoe across thousands of acres of high, dry pinelands, which he later claimed for the state. His locations were disallowed by the Federal Government, but not until the state had sold large tracts. This brought about a lengthy litigation which was not resolved until the passage of the McLaurin Act in 1905 which confirmed titles to the purchasers of the Krebs lands.

In 1853 Walter Denny erected a circular sawmill on the Escatawpa River and began a mill business that continued beyond the end of the century. Like Goode, he owned his labor and transported lumber to New Orleans in his own vessels. Other millmen in the Pascagoula district, in 1853, were the partners Plummer and Williams.

In 1858, the firm of J.M. Arnold, J.P. Arnold, W.M. Sheldon and W. Griffin, increased its capital by the purchase of a gang sawmill, constructed by adding saws to the muley saw so that more than one board could be sawn from a log in a single operation. This gang mill, with modifications, continued to be used until 1905. The interests of this firm were far-flung. In addition to land and other property, it owned retail lumber yards in Boston and a line of schooners used to transport its products to market. As was then common, the partners operated a brick kiln in connection with the sawmill, using slabs and refuse to provide fuel. The partnership was dissolved in 1860.

Though the southern lumbering industry was barely beyond the pioneer stage in 1860, the yellow pine forest industries along the Gulf Coast and the neighboring railroads had experienced a remarkable growth in the last few years. By 1860 longleaf pine lumber and logs from Mississippi were being marketed in St. Louis, in cities along the Atlantic seaboard, and in Western Europe. The extent of the damage inflicted on the yellow pine industry in Mississippi during the Civil War is difficult to estimate. Some of the smaller mills along the coast were unmolested. In one instance, William Griffin concealed his mill in the marshes above Moss Point to keep it from falling into the hands of the enemy. Less fortunate were the owners of the Goode mills, the sites of which were occupied by detachments of the invading armies; the mills themselves were destroyed.

The lumber industry was not greatly injured by the Panic of 1873. Although some lumbermen failed, others entered the business when costs were low. Emile DeSmet, a Belgian national with access to foreign capital, for example, acquired a number of mills and for a time was perhaps the largest operator in the coast country. He was known as a "human cyclone" by his contemporaries, mainly because of the rapidity with which he enlarged the scope of his business operations. DeSmet was the first to introduce electric lighting in Pascagoula mills for continuous operations around the clock. He is believed to have had one mill in Moss Point and one mill in Pascagoula.

In 1877 Carl Schurz was appointed Secretary of the Interior. An immigrant from Germany, Schurz, imbued with the philosophy of forest protection that had prevailed in his fatherland, was alarmed at the waste and rapid disappearance of the virgin forests in the United States. A new policy of strict enforcement of the trespass laws was adopted. Murray A. Carter was appointed agent over the Mississippi district. Mississippi agents of the Government seized logs, lumber, and naval stores at the mouth of the Pascagoula River and elsewhere. To prevent shipment of forest products from Moss Point and other mills on the river by boat, a Federal marshal armed with a double-barreled shotgun was stationed temporarily on the draw-bridge that formed a section of the long railroad spanning the entrance to East Pascagoula Bay. The blockade established by the Government at the mouth of the river made the shipment of forest products by boat to outside markets impossible.

Thirty-seven Mississippi Coast sawmills were closed down for a long period, and suffering and hardship were the lot of those whose livelihood depended on employment in the mills and woods. The editor of the Pascagoula Democrat Star stated that the seizures had paralyzed the coast industry and that it would take many years for the lumber industry to recover. The cause of the lumbermen whose timber had been seized was helped by the United States district attorney, Luke Lea, who ruled that the mode of procedure used by Federal agents had been illegal and that they had possessed no authority to block the navigation of the Pascagoula River unless absolutely necessary to seize and hold property belonging to the Government. Lea apparently considered the indictments against the alleged depredators unjustified. Public opinion was largely responsible for defeating control of depredations in public lands.

In the middle eighties James Hunter, born in Scotland, came to Mobile and established a large export business. Later Robert Hunter, a brother of James, and the Bennis formed the Hunter-Benn Lumber Company, a subsidiary of Price and Pierce, international timber merchants, and operated a number of mills on the coasts of Alabama and Mississippi.

The depression of 1873 was only a memory in 1877, when the twenty-five mills, mostly small, in the Pascagoula-Moss Point district were operating at maximum capacity and producing around 60,000,000 board feet. This period of prosperity was interrupted when agents of the Department of Justice, believing that the timber supply of the mills was being unlawfully taken from Federal Lands, seized all the logs and lumber at most of the mills without warning. For a time not a single schooner was allowed to put out to sea from the Pascagoula Bay area; few of the mills were able to operate continuously between the middle of 1877 and the last quarter of 1879. The Pascagoula paper, Democrat Star, in November 30, 1877, gave the values of lumber, logs, and timber seized by the Federal authorities from individuals and firms as follows:

A.C. Danner	\$16,750
DeSmet	13,050

Denny and Morris	900
L.N. Dantzler	12,800
E.F. Griffin	33,000
Gautier and Sons	2,400
Wallworth	2,400
John McClean	2,420
W.G. O'Neal	15,000
Wyatt Griffin	37,500
TOTAL	\$136,224

Nevertheless, during the last three months of 1879 after all the mills had resumed operation, their production was greater than for the past two-year period. In 1880 eleven sawmills were located at Moss Point with a combined daily capacity of 220,000 feet.

When the lumber boom began in 1880, Jackson County ranked second in the state in total valuation of its timber products. At this time, nine mills were in operation. Seven of these mills were: Fernando Gautier and Sons mill, West Pascagoula (now Gautier); Mead Brothers, Scranton; L.N. Dantzler, E. DeSmet, Silas Tam, The Danner B. Lumber Company and the Crumhorn Lumber Company, all located in Moss Point.

The sawmills had a combined capacity of producing six million feet of lumber a day. Most of this lumber was exported to South America.

Within the pine country of Mississippi which lay between the Pearl and Pascagoula rivers, pure Longleaf forest in 1880 constituted seventy-five per cent or more of the total land area. Other valuable pine trees found in the longleaf pine belt were shortleaf, loblolly, slash or Cuban, and bottom pine. Cypress, white oak, gum, hickory, poplar, magnolia, ash, beech, and other hardwoods of commercial importance, and cleared land accounted for the remainder of the piney woods. Because of their unusual qualities, slash and longleaf pine, both southern trees, were two of the most valuable pines in North America. They were hard, possessed great tensile strength, and resisted decay. The natural beauty of the wood, combined with high resinous content, made them desirable for naval construction, framing, flooring, interior finishing, railway ties, spars, shingles, car sills, piling, telephone poles, and other purposes.

Halfway between Moss Point and Mississippi Highway 613 Bridge, was the DeAngelo Shipyard and on the opposite side of the street was the Old Shingle Mill. On the West of Highway 613 was another sawmill owned by W. Denny Company, known as "Sol's Mill", (named for the mill foreman, a black man by the name of Solomon Gregory).

On the island to the East was the "Phoenix" sawmill owned by Robinson's Land and Lumber Company. The island was named Danner's Island for the first owner who owned a sawmill on the island that burned three (3) times; hence the name Phoenix. Danner also had a sawmill on the North shore of the Escatawpa River where it is reported he had installed the first electric dynamo in the Southeast. Danner's Island formerly extended across Bounds Lake (Then known as Waddleworth's Lake), to the location of his sawmill on the North shore.

Because of the rapid sales of Federal lands, the United States Land Commissioner recommended that the lands be sold at their

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real value because of the swift disappearance of virgin forests, the commissioner by 1884 had come to believe that only moderate amounts of Federal timberland should be sold from time to time; he also favored the establishment of national forest preserves. The editor of the Pascagoula Democrat Star in 1886 described the rapid rate at which timberlands were passing into the hands of northern and eastern capitalists. According to the editor, the Pascagoula millmen, who owned little land, had previously obtained most of their timber from the national domain, but with its passing they would soon be at the mercy of western corporations. The rapid transfer of large tracts of land to a small number of owners soon produced a fear of land monopoly among Mississippians. It was obvious that most of the land had been purchased by investors who had no intention of erecting mills for the manufacture of lumber.

During the late 1880's lumbermen enlarged the capacity of their mills and new manufacturing plants were established. Howze and Wyatt Griffin at Moss Point, who operated a small mill in the seventies, in 1889 erected a plant with a daily capacity of 75,000 feet. Wyatt Griffin, a grandson of William Griffin, in the nineties became the sole owner of the Moss Point Lumber Company. Will Farnsworth, financed by the Hunter-Benn Lumber Company, became the manager and part owner of a large sawmill at Pascagoula. Following DeSmet's failure, due to overexpansion and a slight depression in the lumber business, George Robinson acquired the DeSmet properties in 1883 and added the latest improvements to his mills. New improvements which enlarged mill capacity and increased the efficiency of sawing came into general use in the Pascagoula-Moss Point district during the years 1884-1890.

By 1900, sixteen sawmills and six planing mills had located along the banks of the Pascagoula River. At the turn of the century, the county was responsible for furnishing four-fifths of the lumber shipped from the Mississippi Gulf Coast. All this lumber kept a fleet of about 450 schooners sailing in and out of the port exporting the product to other communities.

On June 15, 1906 W. Denny & Company, of Moss Point, commenced hauling car loads of logs over their new drawbridge across the Escatawpa River direct to the O'Leary mill. This tram road was one of the best constructed in the South and extended for many miles through a region of virgin pine. It connected with the Mobile, Jackson & Kansas City Railroad at Evan's Gap thus giving the Port of Pascagoula unlimited transportation far into the interior. The wisdom of the Denny's in building so substantial a road was apparent in future benefits that accrued there from.

In a story about lumber and sawmills, the men and their methods that made it all possible must be included. Between 1840 and 1910, logging and rafting underwent few changes. Logging consisted of two basic operations; namely, felling the trees and hauling the logs to the banks of rafting streams. Until the late eighties axmen, commonly known as "choppers", felled the trees. Their basic tool was a pole ax having a single cutting edge and weighing about five

pounds. In the seventies the double-bit ax with two cutting edges supplanted the pole ax. As long as axes were used, trees were cut about waist high from the ground, leaving a three or four-foot stump. After notching the tree on the side where he wished it to fall, the axman did most of the chopping on the opposite side. At length, when only a small layer of wood separated the notches, the tree came crashing to the ground. It was then cut to the desired length.

In the late eighties the crosscut saw replaced the ax as the basic tool for felling trees. Its coming was a major event, and people often gathered for miles around to witness a demonstration of what the new tool could accomplish. Bringing logs from the forest to the banks of streams before 1900 was accomplished by wagons pulled usually by four yokes of oxen. In low wet country and boggy swamps they were less susceptible to bogging than were other draft animals. The basic tools of the ox driver were the ox whip and the cant hook, and later, the peavey. The whip, made of plaited cowhide, and eight to twelve feet long, was mounted on a slender stick from six to eight feet in length called the whipstock. The "popper", made of dressed deerskin, was attached to the free end of the whip and provided cutting quality. The cant hook, about five feet in length, was a wooden stock with a hook fastened to one end. Its principal function was to turn and manipulate logs.

In 1858 Joseph Peavy, a Main blacksmith, invented the peavey by combining the spike pole and the cant hook. The peavey was basic to both logging and rafting. The spike pole with a length of about sixteen feet, consisted of a heavy hardwood stock with a sharp pointed steel spike attached to raise sunken logs to the surface. Rafting logs to tidewater mills appears to have commenced again soon after the end of the Civil War. Rafting methods were generally determined by the size of streams and the swiftness of currents. The spike pole, the peavey, and the jam spike were the basic tools of the rafters. The length of time it took for rafts to complete their journey from the junction of the Leaf and Chickasawhay to Pascagoula depended on the swiftness of the current. If the water ran slowly, weeks were required to bring timber a distance of two hundred water miles or more from the headwaters of the Leaf, Bouie, and Chickasawhay to the mouth of the Pascagoula River. Rafting from the mouth of Red and Black creeks to the mills at Moss Point usually required from three to five days, but might take much longer under less than optimum conditions. Occasionally high water came with little warning. In 1874 the rivers rose to a height not previously seen by living man. All the timber booms located at the mouths of the Pascagoula river were broken up by logs pushed along by the strong currents. The heavy timbers on their way out to sea battered down the railroad bridge that spanned the mouth of the river. When the freshet subsided, logs were scattered all over the Mississippi Sound and in the low marshes adjacent to the shore line.

By the early nineties the enormous amounts of timber coming down river forced the Moss Point-Pascagoula lumbermen to devise a more elaborate method of booming and sorting logs. In 1893 all the large

millmen at the mouth of the Pascagoula and a few upcountry logmen were issued a charter of incorporation for the Pascagoula Boom Company. The boom extended up East River from Moss Point five miles. Pilings spaced a few feet apart were driven midway in the river for the total distance. East River was then divided into two parts, one left open for navigable boats, the other enclosed for storage of logs. Sorting works adjacent to the boom were constructed so that logs might be separated according to owners. As long as timberlands lay near the creeks and rivers, the small operator with little capital could get into business. But hauling logs with oxen became uneconomical if the distance exceeded four miles. The tramroad met the problem of distance hauling, but at an expenditure of capital that put it beyond the reach of the average man. One of the early tramroads to transport logs to the Pascagoula River was built by the Farnsworth Lumber Company. It ran from a high bluff on the river at Benndale to a large tract of virgin forest a few miles to the west. The logs were floated down river from Benndale to the mill located at East Pascagoula. After 1886, production of the Dantzer mills at Moss Point in some years was more than forty million board feet of lumber. With a large output and a heavy investment in mill machinery the necessity of the keeping the mill in continuous production demanded a dependable, efficient system of collecting raw materials; logging and rafting declined after 1910, mainly because most of the prime timber had been cut near the streams.

The year 1906 marked the beginning of the end of the sawmill business. In this year a hurricane slammed into the coast, taking with it twenty percent of the county's pine forests. This forced several of the mills to shut down. People who lived in the Moss Point area and were employed by the sawmills began to leave the county in order to find another means of support. Fortunately, to fill the economic void left by the sawmill, L.N. Dantzer stepped in and saved the day. Dantzer developed a method of converting Southern Yellow Pine into white paper.

No history would be complete without a look at the L.N. Dantzer Lumber Company. More is known about this company than any other. The origin of the company can be traced to 1849, when William Griffin with others developed a lumber business at the confluence of the East Pascagoula and Escatawpa rivers. This small antebellum lumber firm was dissolved in 1860, when Griffin became the sole owner. Following the Civil War, Griffin resumed mill operations in a lumber business that was continued without interruption by members of his family.

Lorenzo Nolley Dantzer became connected with the Griffin mill business as a result of his marriage, in 1858, to Erin Griffin, the daughter of William Griffin. Dantzer, born in 1833 in Perry County, Miss., was the son of John Lewis Dantzer, who immigrated from South Carolina to the Leaf River bottoms in Mississippi in 1808. L.N. Dantzer attended Centenary College and afterwards served in the Confederate Army during the first years of the war. As the conflict drew to a close, Dantzer, while

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a purchasing agent for the Confederate Government, was imprisoned by Federal authorities for a short time on Ship Island.

After the war, Dantzler became a partner in the William Griffin Lumber Company, which at that time included the elder Griffin and two of his sons. The partnership was dissolved in 1873 when Erasmus Griffin sold his interest for \$15,000. Dantzler exchanged his interest in the firm for a small mill and with it began the long-lived L.N. Dantzler Lumber Company.

Little information survives about Dantzler's early mill business. He then was only one among a considerable number of small millmen operating at the mouth of the Pascagoula. At this time Emile DeSmet, A.C. Danner, and the W. Denny Company were the largest producers in the Pascagoula-Moss Point district. By 1880 Dantzler, however, had enlarged the scope of his operations and had acquired another small sawmill and a shingle mill. In partnership with others he also operated a shipyard, brick kiln, towing business, and a sash and blind factory in the years 1873-1880.

Expansion of the firm during the eighties resulted directly from business relations between Dantzler and Henry Buddig, a New Orleans lumber merchant. Buddig encouraged Dantzler to build a large mill, offering to finance the entire cost. With much misgiving Dantzler accepted the offer and began construction of one of the first large double circular mills in 1883. Completed in 1885, the mill was one of the most modern in the coast country.

The erection of the new mill was completed at a critical time. The demand for export lumber and timber was growing and Dantzler's competitors at the mouth of the Pascagoula were not slow to realize that a new era in lumber production, characterized generally by mass production, was rapidly approaching. The increased demand for lumber, in addition to the proximity of millions of acres of first class timberlands to rivers emptying into Pascagoula Bay, made the Moss Point-Pascagoula district an important center for the export trade.

The continued expansion of Dantzler's operations during the nineties resulted from the success of his business dealings with up-country logmen. Like other coast mills, the Dantzler Company purchased the greater part of its timber from logmen who were financed by the company. As a condition of loans made to the timbermen, the company took out a life insurance policy on the borrower as well as a mortgage on his property. When a logman's returns were less than the amount of the loan, his timberland was claimed by the company in settlement of his debt. In a number of cases logmen were furnished money to buy state lands which passed quickly into the company's possession.

Acquisition of large tracts of timberland along the Pascagoula and its tributaries made it possible for the Dantzlars to eliminate their competitors in the Moss Point-Pascagoula district. The firm gradually became the largest purchaser of timber and logs, thus gaining a near-monopoly in rafting on the Pascagoula. The Dantzlars virtual control of raw materials after the turn of the century caused one millman after another to cease operations, until in 1910 on-

ly three fairly important concerns remained.

The Dantzlars foresaw the tremendous expansion of the lumber industry. In the late nineties, L.N. Dantzler, Sr. was lamenting the prospect that his age would preclude his playing an important part in the great expansion soon to come. His second son, John L., though educated for a career other than in business, was in fact to be the architect of the company's growth. His three other sons, who also were active in the business, were reaching maturity strategically on the eve of the new era. But it was the characteristically optimistic secretary, financier and general manager, John Lewis, who proved to be the driving force behind the firm's expansion. According to his contemporaries John Lewis was a sharp trader, close-mouthed, and possessed an unusual ability to remember minute details.

The first important phase of company expansion occurred immediately following the construction of the Gulf and Ship Island Railroad, which ran through the general area where the Dantzlars had previously acquired considerable tracts of timber from up-country logmen. From Howison and Rogers the company in 1899 purchased a recently completed mill of 70,000 board feet daily capacity and a few thousand acres of virgin timber nearby, and a railroad to Gulfport were the company's chief inducements to extend its manufacturing enterprises into the interior. Two years later they bought a mill located at Handsboro and timberlands belonging to Henry Leinhard. The old gang mill at Moss Point in operation before the Civil War was now replaced by a new gang and circular mill. The resulting increase of mill capacity brought company production to 90,000,000 board feet annually. The firm had become one of the largest lumber manufacturers in Mississippi.

Unusual conditions initiated the second important period of expansion. In September, 1906, a devastating hurricane swept over the coast counties, blowing down from one-third to two-thirds of the timber in some localities. R.Q. Breland, land agent for the Dantzlars, estimated their loss of standing timber at close to \$1,000,000. Time proved, however, that such an estimate of storm damage was too high, since most of the downed timber, if sawn before becoming infested with worms, would be saved. Much of the leveled longleaf and slash pine timber was unaffected either by water or worms.

The Dantzlars moved rapidly after the storm, erecting a number of portable mills to salvage their downed timber as well as that of others which they purchased for only a fraction of the going price. They constructed a large storage area at the mouth of the Pascagoula River and brought storm timber in large quantities down the streams. The high prices of lumber then prevalent, coupled with the low price of this timber, enabled the company to reap large profits from this salvage operation.

In the next year the lumber industry was overtaken by a severe panic which continued over a fairly long period. While most domestic producers curtailed their production, the Dantzlars, possessing excellent connections abroad, for a long period continued to run their mills night and day. Indeed, the average price of lumber received by the Dantzlars, \$17 per thousand, was

exceptional, though prices of export lumber of superior quality cannot properly be compared with the average quality and lower prices of lumber sold on the domestic market. Under such conditions their profitable operations in 1907 and in 1909-1910 encouraged the Dantzlars to undertake further expansion.

In 1910 the Dantzlars agreed, for a commission of \$1 per thousand board feet, to operate the large millplant of the defunct Bond Lumber Company. After five years of successful operation, they purchased the Bond Lumber Company mill which possessed a capacity of 100,000 board feet daily. In the same year they purchased the Ten Mile Lumber Company properties also, which included a circular mill of 80,000 board feet capacity, 30,000 acres of timberland, tramroads, a commissary, and a mill village. With the addition of the Ten Mile mill the Dantzler firm became the largest lumber manufacturer on the Gulf and Ship Island between Hattiesburg and Gulfport. In partnership with Edward Hines, the company erected a large mill at Kiln. Another mill owned jointly by the Dantzlars and the Standard Export Company was acquired at Piave.

The company reached its peak of growth in 1913. Value of mills, timber, lands, and other properties then was estimated at \$3,372,691.40. In view of the fact that the company owned between 400,000 and 500,000 acres of land, the estimate appears conservative. Assets representing unpaid accounts and accumulated surplus amounted to \$5,472,612.

Obviously, the Dantzlars anticipated the end of large-scale lumber manufacturing in Mississippi, for in order to continue operations they acquired large timber holdings elsewhere. In 1913 they acquired important timber concessions in Nicaragua, although they erected no mills there chiefly because of the prevailing political instability in that country. They also purchased four hundred shares in the Sumpter Lumber Company, a Florida concern. On Prince Edward Island the company obtained a timber concession but built no mills. In partnership with the H. Weston Company the Dantzlars bought timberland in Oregon with a view to continuing lumber manufacturing there, but that project eventually was abandoned.

The Dantzlars, like other large lumber concerns, combined both production and distribution. As in the case of other coast millmen, the Dantzlars shipped almost all of their lumber to overseas markets in Europe, South America, the Caribbean Islands, and Mexico. Hewn and sawn timber went mostly to England and European countries, but the great proportion of lumber was marketed in South America.

With their production high, the firm organized an export company in partnership with Price and Pierce, international timber merchants. Lumber sent to Europe and South America was marketed through the Standard Export Company, but that sold to Mexico, Cuba, and islands in the Caribbean was distributed through company agents. By 1907 the company had become one of the largest shippers of lumber in the state.

In that year the firm shipped 145,368,376 board feet at a price of \$17.80 per thousand. Thirty-five cargoes containing 45,484,057

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feet were sent to Buenos Aires, while another thirty ships loaded with timber and lumber went to Europe. During the period 1907-1915, the year 1913 was the peak year, marking the shipment of 149,000,000 board feet. The price, the highest yet received, was, on an average, \$18 per thousand. Of the total amount sold only 10,333,980 board feet were disposed of on the domestic market.

The prosperous year of 1913 was followed by a sharp reduction in demand associated with the beginning of World War One. Matters became even worse when the lucrative Latin American market was dislocated by the European conflict. In consequence all purchases from other lumber firms were stopped and production in company-owned mills in 1914 was reduced to 62,000,000 board feet. Most of the mills were out of commission in 1915, when output sank to 49,000,000 board feet.

The history of the L.N. Dantzer Lumber Company after 1915 is fairly typical of other large producers in the longleaf pine belt. The preparedness program immediately preceding America's entrance into World War One inaugurated a period of unparalleled prosperity. In 1918 the average lumber prices obtained by the company were higher than \$25 per thousand feet. The following year, despite the payment of 10 per cent dividend on its stock, there was an earned surplus of \$7,669,970.

The Dantzer Lumber Company, one of the oldest firms in the state, remained in business after almost all of the other large concerns had ceased operations. As their supply of virgin timber shrank, one mill after another was stilled, until finally in the thirties only one plant continued to operate. The last log sawed at the Dantzer Moss Point mill in 1938 ended the manufacturing of lumber at a center which had been the scene of lumbering for almost a century. It also spelled the end of the big mill period which had had an early start at the mouth of the Pascagoula River. So ended the largest and one of the oldest lumber manufacturing firms in the coast country.

A partial listing of sawmills in the Jackson-George Counties is as follows:

W.C. Avent, McInnis Bayou, Moss Point
Barnes and Davis Lumber Co., 6 mi.
East of Ocean Springs
Beardslee and Bradford, Moss Point
Crumhorn Sawmill, Moss Point
Danner B. Lumber Co., Moss Point
L.N. Dantzer Lumber Co., Moss Point
William Deggs
Walter Denny and Company, Moss Point
"Sol's Mill" Walter Denny and Company,
Moss Point
Emile DeSmet, Moss Point
John S. Dees
Farnsworth Lumber Company, Pascagoula
David Files, Moss Point
Fernando Gautier & Sons,
West Pascagoula
Garland Goode, Franklin Creek
Howze and Wyatt Griffin
Hunter-Benn Lumber Company
K. C. Lumber Company, Lucedale
George Leatherbury's Sawmill, Bexely
Foster Lennep Sawmill Company,
Moss Point
Thomas E. and Rufus Rhodes
McIntosh Lumber Company,
East Moss Point

Malcolm McRae
Martin Veneer Company, Pascagoula
Mead Brothers, Scranton
Moss Point Lumber Company, Moss Point
Moss Point Manufacturing Company,
Moss Point
Plummer and Williams
George Robinson
Scranton Shingle Mill, Pascagoula
Sheldon and Company, Moss Point
Silas Tam, Moss Point
D.A. Vermillion
Williams Sawmill, Pascagoula
Davis Sawmill, Harleston
Cumbest Manufacturing, Three Rivers
Mizelle Sawmill, Hurley
T. Miller Sawmill, Orange Grove
William Rufus Clark Sawmill, Bayou Heron
William Rufus Clark Sawmill, Forts Lake
Dees Sawmill, Jackson Creek
O'Leary Mill, Escatawpa
J.M. Rogers & Sons
J.H. Beardslee Spar & Boatyard
Lake Mills, Moss Point
Bond Lumber Company
Ten Mile Lumber Co.

by W. Carl DeAngelo

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Many years ago, before anything noisier than the sound of wind rustled through the trees and before the white man and his oxen and wagons ever set foot on American soil, the mighty Mississippi and its tributaries were used as channels of commerce by thriving nations. Along these inland waterways, precious goods such as furs, flint and tobacco were traded for items of equal value. One such item held in special esteem was the pecan.

Caveza de Vaca, a Spanish explorer, noted in his journal that Indians often subsisted on this member of the nut family for as many as two months at a time when no other forms of food were available. As early as 1530, certain tribes assembled for the nut harvest.

Because of the valuable nutrient content of the pecan, they planted the thinnest shelled and meatiest along the rivers and streams for future generations.

The United States Department of Agriculture has said that there is as much protein, fat and carbohydrates in a pound of pecans as two and one-half pounds of the best beef steak. The commercial analysis being: water, 7.7; protein, 11.2; carbohydrates, 17.3, the greatest food value known to horticulture.

Luther Burbank, a great authority on horticulture said, "If I were a young man, I'd devote my life to the pecan nut, knowing as I do the possibilities of the pecan industry."

Eighteenth-century settlers, among them George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, first realized the commercial value of the pecan. But it was not until the nineteenth century that grafting and asexual propagation began to improve the quality and increase supplies of plants for orchard production.

The pecan, *CARYA ILLINOENSIS*, is a large growing tree, native only to North America and belongs to the walnut family, JUGLANDACEAE. The three important

values are: (1) commercial production of nuts, (2) production of nuts for food for home use and wildlife, (3) shade trees and ornamental plantings.

Pecan grafting, or propagation, advanced in Jackson County, Mississippi, and grafts of mother trees have been taken from these, creating many varieties and distributed throughout the pecan industry in other states.

Since pecans originally were not native to Jackson County, seeds were brought in from New Orleans and Texas along the rivers, where there was a natural resistance to fungus and disease.

Through the ingenuity of Jackson County planters the method of grafting was devised to produce better varieties and to increase production. At least thirty-five varieties which have been the basis for the pecan industry, originated in Jackson County. Among the most successful were: Alley, Biloxi, Candy, Davis, Dependable, Desirable, Forkert, Hale, Jackson, Jewett, Lewis, Pabst, Russell, Schley, Success, Stuart, Van Demon, Wright, and Zink.

The earliest attempt at pecan growing in Ocean Springs was abandoned in 1866 by Ferdinand W. Illing. Illing was a German immigrant who was employed by Ferdinand Maximilian in Mexico, and after that project failed, he came to Ocean Springs, acquired land and planted trees on the east side of Washington Avenue, north of Porter Street. However, he later lost interest and turned his talents to the hotel business.

Later, in 1871, Col. R. Seal gave some pecans of unrecorded varieties to Mrs. C. H. Alley. She germinated a single seed which she transplanted to her garden in 1872. The tree began producing regular and prolific crops. It was first propagated by Frank H. Lewis of Pascagoula and distributed by him as "Alley", about 1888.

J.R. Lassabe obtained pecan seed in Mobile, Alabama in 1874 and planted them in his garden at Pascagoula. One seedling was outstanding and gained considerable attention under the name of Castenera, after Capt. E. Castanera, who had purchased Mr. Lassabe's property. This tree was later grafted by Col. Stuart and John Keller and offered commercially about 1892, under the name of Stuart.

The most extensively and widely planted variety of all times is the Stuart pecan and is very popular as a commercial variety. Col. W. R. Stuart retired from a prosperous sugar and cotton business in New Orleans in 1871 and came to Ocean Springs to establish a country estate and to pursue his horticultural interests as a gentleman farmer.

In 1890, in the report of the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Stuart was named as the originator of both the Stuart and the Van Deman pecans, highly regarded in this area.

Almost all varieties of pecans are crossed with the Stuart pecan and along with the Schley, was the leader in popularity and production in the entire pecan industry.

Another famous variety is the Success, which originated from the orchards of William B. Schmidt, a New Orleans businessman who had a country home in Ocean Springs. In 1875, he set out 11 acres of seedlings from an undetermined New Orleans seed. This orchard was the source of the Success and Pabst varieties.

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Women Police Assigned to School Work

Women police will be assigned to school zone cross-
ings in Pascagoula.

Frank S. Canty today assigned applicants for the jobs, which require three hours of school day.

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monitors of school zone crossings, however, will merely have their licence numbers turned over to the regular police department by the women officers.

The move will allow men police to devote more of their time to regular police work.

Applications for the posts will be accepted now by chief of police Walter L. Pol at headquarters in City Hall.

Pol said that the only requirements for applicants will be that they be "responsible" and in good health.

Things being equal, preference will be given to members of the PTA of the school zone.

They will be on duty each morning, noon and evening time.

Weeks Remain To Pay Poll Tax,

Ramsay Warns

Only three weeks remain to pay 1957 poll taxes, circuit clerk Curtis Ramsay warned today.

The tax is paid in the circuit clerk's office at the Courthouse, Ocean Springs. It is open daily from 9 a.m. and until noon.

Those who fail to vote in this year's election and judicial election on payment of the tax will be ineligible for city registration on city voting rolls.

With the new state voting law, those registering for the election must fill out in their own hand-writing a 20-question form, Ramsay said.

Butterfield succeeds Joe A. Moore, who was presented a plaque by James Callahan on behalf of the club.

Also assuming office were Clalborne Koch, first vice president; William Logan, second vice president; W. C. Baskin,

Burns woman was driving the taxi in which Gibbs disappeared Dec. 3 after ostensibly leaving Moss Point with a passenger for Mobile.

The 23-year-old Burns woman had been freed a few weeks prior to Gibbs' disappearance by a circuit court jury which had tried her on burglary charges.

She and a companion, James E. Alexander, had been arrested by Pascagoula police in connection with burglary at a Highway 90 drive-in.

Alexander pleaded guilty to the charge and drew a five-year penitentiary sentence. He testified that the Burns woman was asleep in his car and had nothing to do with entering the drive-in.

Gibbs had been seen in company of the woman, and police at the time believed she had left Moss Point with him.

Davis said the FBI is investigating the case and may possibly file charges of interstate transportation of a stolen vehicle.

No further action will be taken by the office or Texas authorities until the federal investigation has been completed.

Rites Wednesday For Mrs. Gregory

Who Dies At 101

Mrs. Mary Thompson Gregory, Moss Point matriarch, died Tuesday at the residence of her daughter Mrs. George P. Wood in Moss Point after a lengthy illness.

She would have been 101 years old Saturday.

A native of Bolivar, Tenn., she had lived in Moss Point with her daughters Mrs. Amelia Cook and Mrs. Wood for 13 years.

She had formerly lived in Moss Point when her husband, the late Rev. E. H. Gregory, was pastor of First Presbyterian Church. She took an active part in church and social affairs until advanced age curtailed her activities.

Other survivors are a daughter Mrs. Paul Stebbins of Garyville La.; 12 grandchildren and 38 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday from First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Walter L. Bader officiating. Interment was in Griffin Cemetery.

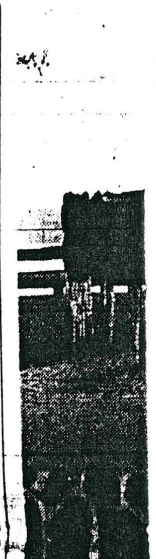
Pall bearers were G. A. Graham, A. W. Head, B. D. Spann, W. F. McLeod, S. A. McInnis, Jr., and Watson Wood of Ocean Springs.

Pas Kiwanians Install Officers

W. M. Butterfield assumed office Tuesday as president of the Pascagoula Kiwanis Club. Installing officer was Jim McDaniel, Gulfport, Kiwanis district lieutenant governor.

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Plans have been formal opening of M library in the new McInnis Avenue, S. reception from 2 to

The building has been renovated and new added. The book been moved from building and is reading beginning Monday Cook, librarian, said

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Improvement to was adopted as one acts to be undert hometown improve being staged by the Economic Council.

Spearheaded by Club, the project was a two-year project, and phase to be in facilities. The Jun Club will conduct a hour Saturday morning first date to be announced

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Mrs. H. C. Herrin presided at a business Moss Point Fortnight her home Wednesday

Next meeting of slated for Jan. 29 at Mrs. James T. Thon Guest of the club Kervan of Florida.

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Prescription for life

'You have to make your opportunity . . . and keep moving'

By REGINA HINES
Mississippi Press Staff

At 90, retired nurse Lillie Bell Johnson Pierce of Moss Point remains proud of her heritage. "We're Creole people. My grandmother was a Creole lady. She spoke French. We're Catholics," she says.

Mrs. Johnson was born just before the turn of the century in Creole Town. This stretch of land east of the Pascagoula River and Telephone Road between Pascagoula and Moss Point was mostly inhabited by a people with mixture of French, Negro and often Indian blood.

"It's a heritage and race all its own. Most of them did real well for themselves," explains Mrs. Pierce's daughter, Janet Brown. The mother and daughter don't hesitate to tell young people to be proud of who they are and to work slowly and steadily toward goal.

Their ancestors worked hard and eventually Mrs. Pierce's grandmother, Jeanette Eley, owned much of the land around Parallel Street in Moss Point.

The rambling 90-year-old house where the widowed Mrs. Pierce and her daughter live was one of the homes that her grandmother owned.

It was once a boarding house,

which had tenants of all races and professions — from many of Moss Point's teachers to civil rights workers in the 1960s.

Before the last few decades, traveling blacks, or those who had just moved into town, had few places to stay, they explained. "They didn't have hotels and motels, so we opened our doors to them," Mrs. Pierce said.

Some Syrians from Mobile also found refuge in the Eley boarding house on Parallel Street and the family also rented Denny sawmill and eventually bought the vast property in Moss Point called the Gregory tract.

"I think that these people, like Saul Gregory, were part of the American dream. Some of them were born in slavery, but they worked hard and have done very well. They took the opportunities that were presented to them at the time and made good from it," Mrs. Brown said.

"You have to make your opportunity. I tell young people, you don't let oppression get you. You must get up and shake your shoulders and keep moving," she said.

With time, the Creole culture — its traditions and its language, a distinct French dialect — has faded away. "As I was growing



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LIKES FRIENDS — Lillie Belle Johnson Pierce, 90, enjoys visits from old friends at her family's home in Moss Point and talking over happenings in the old days

Mrs. Pierce's uncle, Saul Gregory, was another large landowner. He managed the

homes they owned to many white families. "That was way before integration," Mrs. Pierce said

up, that's all we spoke at home," Mrs. Pierce said. "My great-grandmother spoke only Creole. They wanted the children to speak it, too. But they didn't keep it up. You might find a few people in Creole Town who still speak it. But all the old folks are dead and the young ones didn't keep up the language," she said.

Mrs. Pierce left Mississippi when she was young and trained in nursing at Millers Ferry in Alabama. She started her career at 18 and for 24 years was a nurse for Dr. E.R. Cannon at a sawmill in Bredenburg, Ala. She returned to her native Jackson County about 35 years ago. After Mrs. Pierce returned to Moss Point, she did some private duty nursing for several years and after she retired until not long ago, her friends and neighbors still called on her to help in times of sickness and to give advice on minor ailments. "They still come now sometime," she said.

She remembers some of the

old time remedies, including boiling mullein for foot baths and to help swelling and that favorite, everlasting tea, made from weeds and grass.

"It was good for coughs and colds," she said.

Longtime family friend Ernestine Fountain, who cites Mrs. Pierce as an example of living black history, said she has always been impressed by Mrs. Pierce because "she accepted all people regardless of who they were, or what race they were. She would just reach out to little children especially. Children were her life."

Black and white people had good relations in the early part of this century in Moss Point, Mrs. Pierce said. Although the atmosphere for civil rights has changed over the years, Mrs. Pierce says that people still work together.

"Everyone was nice. The white people were nice and the black people were nice. We like friends. We don't like enemies," Mrs. Pierce said.

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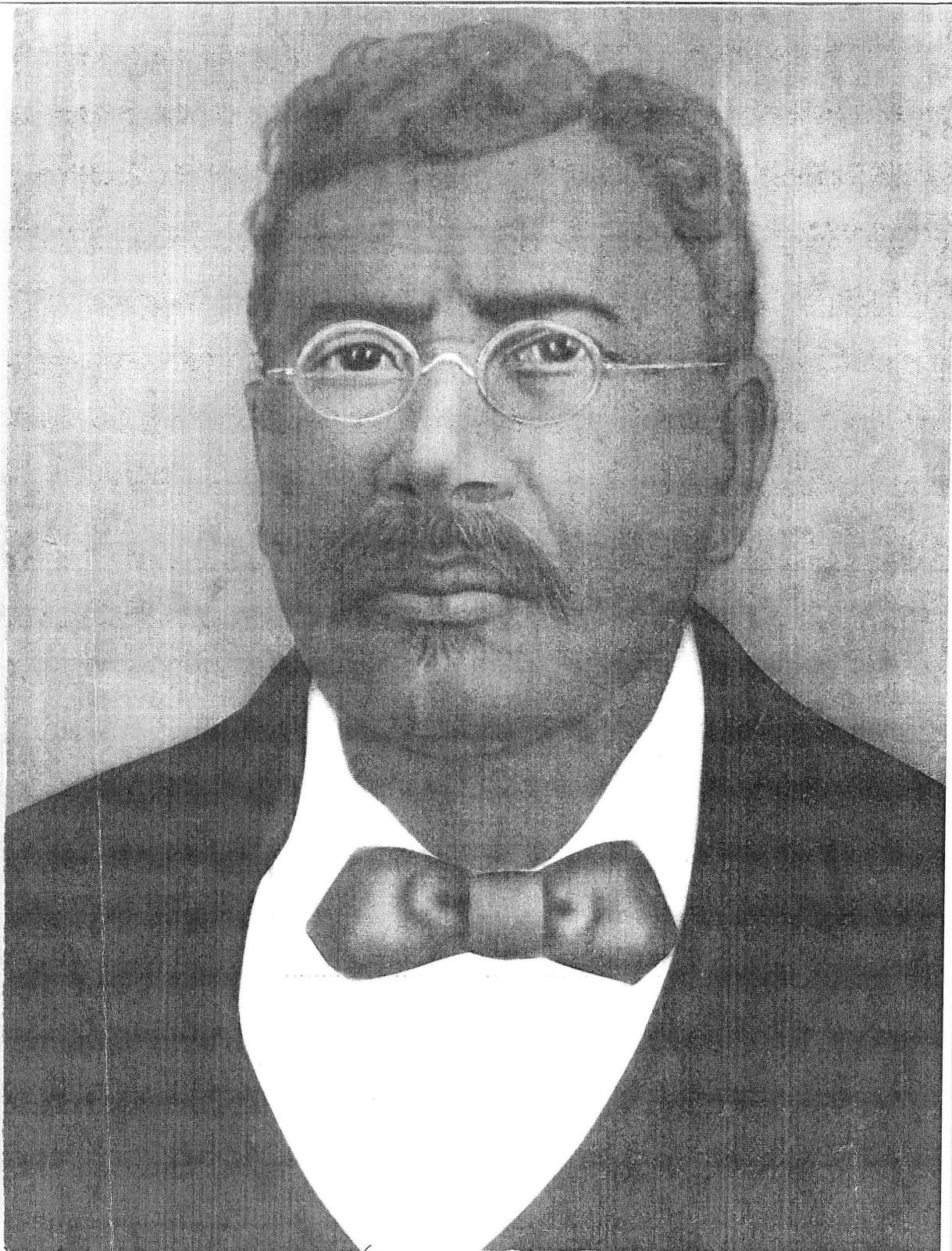
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*John Charlie (La Blanco) White
Born British Honduras*

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Solomon Gregory (Denny) Gregory b. 1836 Greene Co Miss

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GRANDMOTHER OF KATHY PARKER, RACHEL DAVIS,
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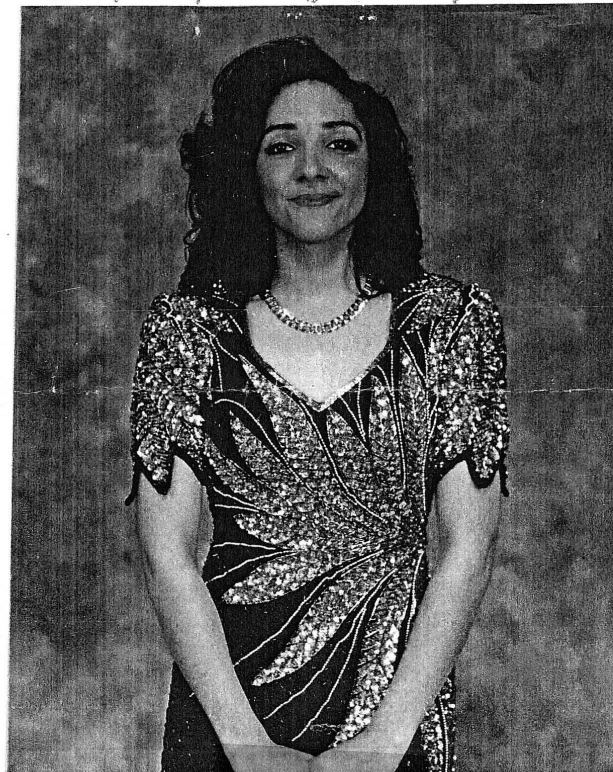
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Oread Davis and wife Ida Blanco-Davis



SOLOMON GREGORYS, GREAT AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN
CHILDREN AND GRAND AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN OF OREAD DAVIS
BACK ROW - CLORIN GIBBS, ROBBIE SIMILWORTH, MICHAEL STILLWORTH, ELEANOR NUTTLES, VERA SHAWWORTH
FRONT ROW - KATIE PARKER, EDITH LANE, MILDRED PINN, ALMA NORMAN, RACHEL DAVIS

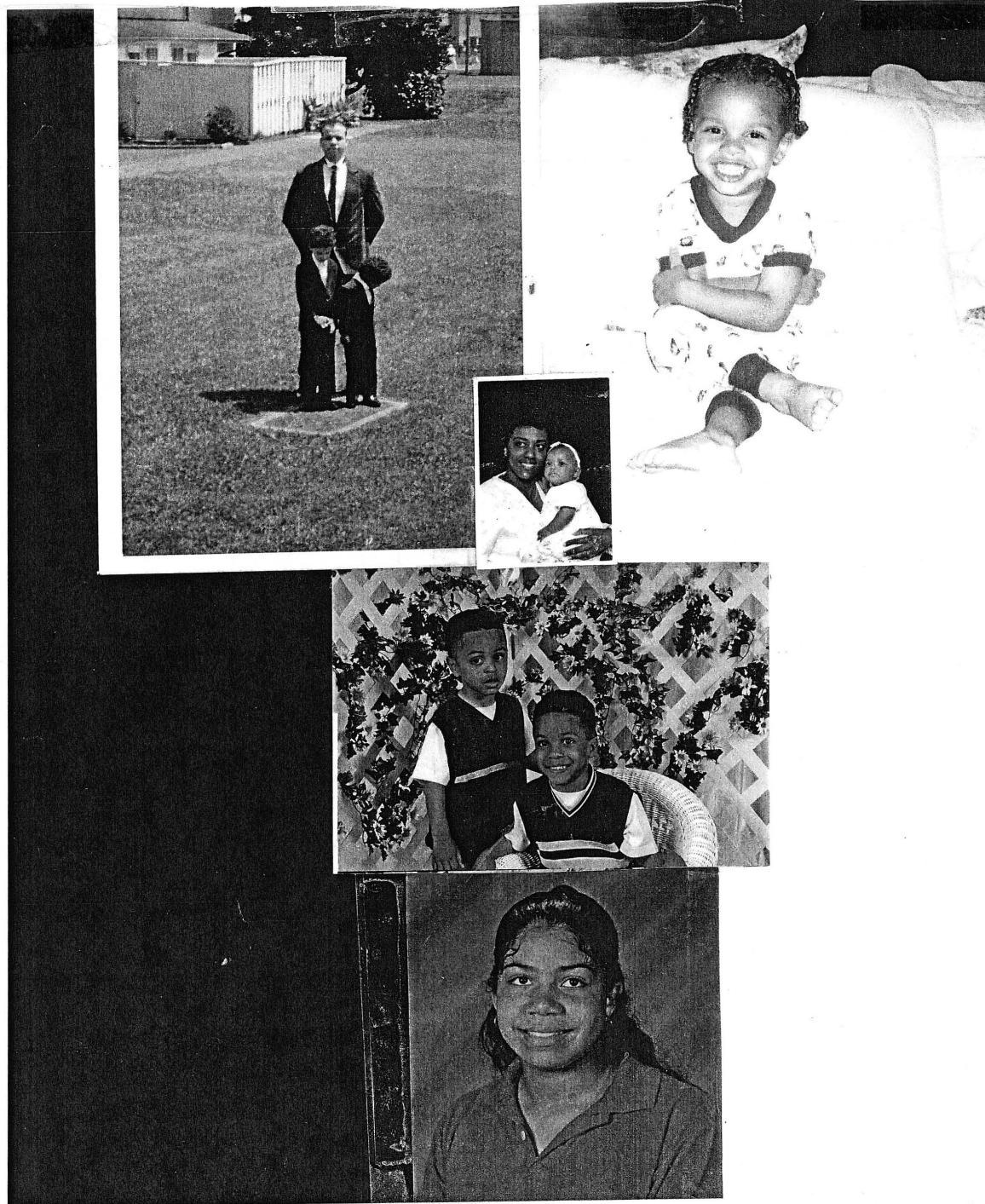


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Velma } Daughters of Katie
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Michael — Son of Rachel
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Rebbie — Daughter of Velma

Meris (Ida) Norman
Oldest
Daughter of Alma

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Julian Jackson
Son of Alma Jai
Youngest
Daughter of Alma

Christopher Calhoun
Son of Alma

Darren (son of
Michael / Christopher
ALMAS - BABY BOY

Alisha Daughter of Charles Calhoun
Oldest Son of Alma
Alicia Calhoun Granddaughter
of
Joshua (Alma's
first name)

Brandon and Sydney Packer
Almas Grandchildren
Sons of Jacqui Packer - Grandson of Alma
Grandson of James Calhoun 2nd Son of Alma

Christiana Calhoun - Almas Granddaughter
Daughter of Christopher Calhoun Almas 5th Son

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FACES OF THE COAST



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Karen Gregory

Karen Gregory is the owner of Southern Pest Control. "I am the bug lady," she said. Gregory was an employee of the company for 26 years when the previous owner retired and she was given the opportu-

nity to buy the company.

"I was too old to start over and too young to retire," Gregory said. After years of doing whatever needed to be done for the business as an employee, she bought the company

Jan. 1, 2007. When she is not running her pest control operation, she enjoys boating, gardening and other outdoor activities. She lives in Gautier with her husband, Ed, and they have two grown sons.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2007

FACES OF THE COAST



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Sharon Gregory

Sharon Gregory has lived on the Coast since she moved here from Oregon with her husband in 1998. Her husband, Danny, is a welder who worked at Ingalls and now Northrop Grumman. Gregory loves animals and she used to work in the front office of Bienville Medical Center until she became ill. She was diagnosed with a terminal liver disease seven years ago and is waiting for a transplant. Her doc-

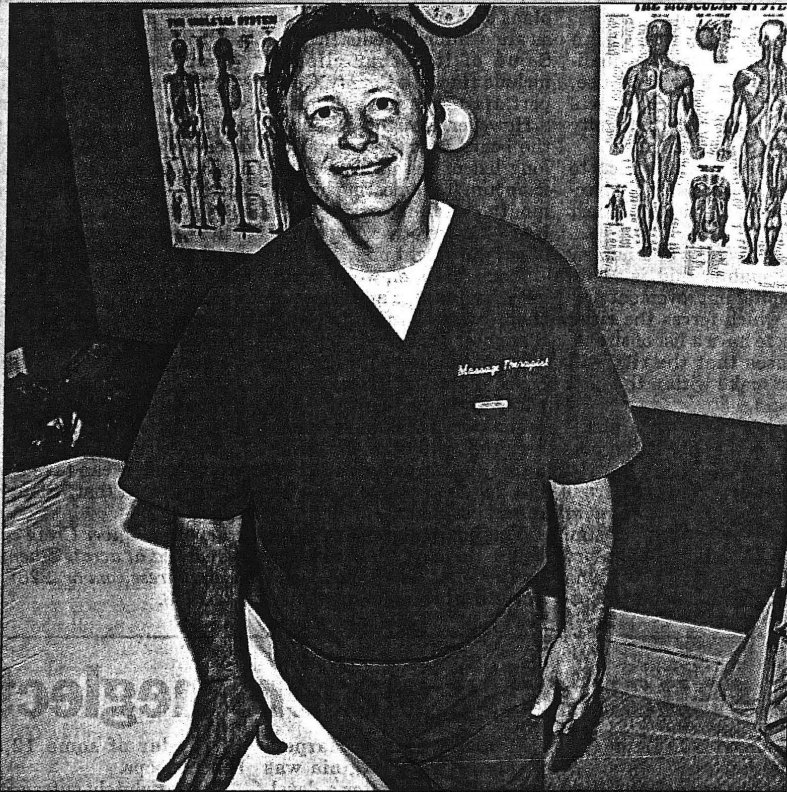
tors are surprised at her health and longevity and she said she enjoys each day, especially with her two beloved dogs, Shelby, a large mixed breed, and Chewy, a miniature dachshund. She enjoys walking the dogs down to a boat launch near her house or to a neighborhood park. Gregory's grown children and 11 grandchildren live in Oregon and she said she travels to visit them as often as she can.

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Ed Gregory

Ed Gregory was working in industrial and maintenance supplies when he saw an article in a newspaper stating that the Blue Cliff College of Massage Therapy was opening in Gulfport. He made a phone call,

signed up and changed his career. He's been in the field for ten years and says he finds helping people with stress and pain relief very rewarding. Gregory has a successful practice in Gautier that was temporarily set back by

Hurricane Katrina. "As soon as the power was back on, we were back in business and busier than ever before." Gregory is married with two grown sons. When he's not working he enjoys woodworking.